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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES GROWTH: From mid-July, 1983 to mid-August, 1983, total employment in North Carolina increased by 22,400 workers (+0.8 percent) to 2,718,800. Agriculture was the only main employment category to suffer a loss, down seasonally by 6,000 workers (-5.0 percent). That decline was more than offset by significant gains in the other principal employment segments--"all other" nonagricultural employment rose by 2,700 people (+0.9 percent) and nonagricultural wage and salary employment (excluding dual jobholders) advanced by 25,700 workers (+1.1 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT UP OVER THE MONTH: Manufacturing employment (including dual jobholders) in the State, estimated at 787,200 in mid-August, was up by 5,000 workers (+0.6 percent) from the mid-July, 1983 estimate. Employment in the nondurable goods sector experienced growth of 6,200 (+1.3 percent) over the month as two of its industry groups registered impressive gains--tobacco manufacturing was up by 3,000 workers (+13.8 percent) as the stemmeries began hiring, and textile mill products increased by 2,500 (+1.1 percent) due to employee recalls and the resumption of activity after vacation closings. The only large loss in nondurables occurred in food and kindred products, down by 800 in August, mostly due to the seasonal reduction in canning. The durable goods sector sustained a loss of 1,200 people (-0.4 percent) due primarily to a drop of 2,600 (5.0 percent) in electrical machinery. On the positive side, both stone, clay, and glass and nonelectrical machinery added 500 workers each due to a general increase in business and to recalls.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS MONTHLY INCREASE: During the mid-week of August, 1983, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment stood at 1,546,400--a net over-the-month gain of 7,700 workers (+0.5 percent) as two of the industry groups experienced noticeable seasonal growth: construction (+1,700) and trade (+5,100). Actually, all of the nonmanufacturing industry groups either registered an employment gain or stayed constant from the middle of July to the middle of August.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT WELL AHEAD OF LAST YEAR'S TOTAL: Statewide manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment continues to surpass the levels of twelve months ago. Manufacturing rose by 8,200 workers (+1.1 percent) over the year as a number of its industry groups displayed impressive growth: lumber and wood, +2,100; furniture and fixtures, +2,900; stone, clay, and glass, +1,300; textile mill products, +5,000; and apparel and related products, +2,800. Nonmanufacturing employment added 23,900 workers (+1.6 percent) during the past twelve months due to strong increases in five industry groups: construction, +1,500; trade, +7,000; finance, insurance, and real estate, +2,400; service and miscellaneous, +11,000; and government, +2,600.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT ENJOYS SIGNIFICANT MONTHLY DROP: From the middle of July to the middle of August, 1983, total unemployment in the State fell to 233,900. That figure represented a net over-the-month decline of 21,000 persons (-8.2 percent). As a result, North Carolina's unadjusted rate of unemployment decreased from 8.6 percent in July to 7.9 percent in August. Conditions were not as good twelve months ago (August, 1982) when 271,300 people were jobless with a rate of 9.1 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 9.2 percent in August, 1983, 9.4 percent in July, 1983, and 9.6 percent one year ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 9.5 percent this August and July, and 9.9 percent in August, 1982.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

August, 1983

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	August 2/ 1983	July 3/ 1983	August 1982	July, 1983		August, 1982	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,952,700	2,951,300	2,970,300	+ 1,400	*	- 17,600	- 0.6
Employment, Total	2,718,800	2,696,400	2,699,000	+ 22,400	+ 0.8	+ 19,800	+ 0.7
Agricultural Employment	115,000	121,000	123,600	- 6,000	- 5.0	- 8,600	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,307,300	2,281,600	2,293,300	+ 25,700	+ 1.1	+ 14,000	+ 0.6
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	296,500	293,800	282,100	+ 2,700	+ 0.9	+ 14,400	+ 0.1
Unemployment, Total	233,900	254,900	271,300	- 21,000	- 8.2	- 37,400	- 13.8
State Unadjusted Rate	7.9	8.6	9.1	- 0.7	xxx	- 1.2	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	9.2	9.4	9.6	- 0.2	xxx	- 0.4	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	9.5	9.5	9.9	0	xxx	- 0.4	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1982 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
* Less than 0.05 percent.

HOURLY EARNINGS DECLINE BUT HOURS WORKED INCREASE: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers suffered a slight decrease of 3¢ an hour (-0.4 percent) to $6.66 from the middle of July to the middle of August of this year. However, that was a net over-the-year increase of 33¢ an hour (5.2 percent). The durable goods sector sustained a monthly loss of 5¢ an hour (-0.7 percent) to $6.84. Compared to August, 1982, however, durable goods was up by 24¢ an hour (+3.6 percent). The over-the-month drop in hourly earnings in the durable goods sector was caused primarily by declines in stone, clay and glass (down 5 cents); machinery, except electrical (down 5 cents); and electrical machinery (down 20 cents). The declines in stone, clay and glass and non-electrical machinery were caused by the hiring of new lower paid employees, reducing the average earnings and increasing the work week. The substantial drop in electrical machinery average hourly earnings was caused by a strike by a large higher paying employer in this group during mid-August. Some of the durable goods industry groups did exhibit modest monthly gains--fabricated metal products rose by 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to hit $7.55 while furniture and fixtures added 3¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to reach $5.95. The nondurable goods sector recorded a net monthly drop of 3¢ an hour (-0.5 percent) to fall to $6.55 in August, 1983. That figure represented a yearly gain of 36¢ an hour (+5.8 percent). The drop in hourly earnings in the nondurable goods sector from mid-July to mid-August, 1983 was caused primarily by a decline of $1.20 an hour in the tobacco manufacturing industry as several hundred lower paid workers were hired in the tobacco stemmeries thus lowering the average. The monthly gains by the nondurable goods industry groups were modest--food and kindred products increased by 6¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to arrive at $6.25 and apparel and related products rose by 4¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) for an August figure of $4.83. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees enjoyed an increase of $2.79 (+1.0 percent) from mid-July to mid-August, 1983. The current level of $271.06 is $29.25 (+12.1 percent) above one year ago. Average weekly hours, which stood at 40.7 in August, 1983, were up by 0.6 of an hour over the month and by 2.5 hours over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX RISES IN AUGUST: The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers edged upward to 300.3 in August, 1983, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That was an over-the-month gain of 0.3 percent and an over-the-year increase of 2.6 percent. All of the major groups displayed monthly increases. The cost of apparel and upkeep rose the most, up by 1.2 percent over the month. That was followed by transportation, which experienced a rise of 0.7 percent. The cost of medical care was a close third, increasing by 0.6 percent from July to August. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, fell to 33.3¢ in August, 1983.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS CONTINUES TO DECREASE: As of August 31, 1983, there were 171,346 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State. That figure represented a net over-the-month decline of 4,404 people (-2.5 percent). The largest active applicant segment by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine with 102,657 or 59.9 percent of the total. The twenty-one and under group was a distant second with 31,215 or 18.2 percent. The sector with the lowest number of active applicants was fifty-five and over with 8,914 or 5.2 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females, who numbered 87,053 or 50.8 percent of the total. The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, with a count of 99,356 or 58.0 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of August 31, 1983.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

August 31, 1983

	Number	Percent
Total	171,346	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	31,215	18.2
22 - 39	102,657	59.9
40 - 54	28,560	16.7
55 and Over	8,914	5.2
Sex		
Male	84,293	49.2
Female	87,053	50.8
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	99,356	58.0
Black, not Hispanic	67,312	39.3
Hispanic	1,721	1.0
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,942	1.1
Other Races and Undetermined	1,015	0.6
Eligible Claimant	66,390	38.7
Veteran	25,849	15.1
Handicapped	10,246	6.0
Welfare	18,785	11.0
Seasonal Farmworker	4,162	2.4

JOB OPENINGS DECLINE IN AUGUST: During the month of August, 1983, there were 26,895 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina--a net monthly decrease of 7,635 (-22.1 percent). Most of those jobs were filled (21,994 or 81.8 percent). Farming, fishing, and forestry continued to have the largest number of job openings with 7,096, all of which were filled. The service category followed with 3,926 job openings received in August and 3,013 (76.7 percent) filled. The miscellaneous group was a close third with 3,021 openings received and 2,557 or 84.6 percent filled. The lowest number of job openings received occurred once again in sales, which had 793, most of which were filled (4[illegible] or 53.5 percent). There have been 201,486 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State from October 1, 1982, through August 31, 1983. A good percentage of those has been filled (81.7 percent or 164,713). There were 11,710 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of August 31, 1983. Almost half of those (5,669 or 48.4 percent) were classified as hard-to-fill because they had been open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on North Carolina job openings in August, 1983, and for the fiscal year to date.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	August, 1983		Fiscal Year To Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of August 31, 1983	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	899	347	8,055	3,814	1,041	528
Clerical	2,423	1,654	22,322	15,699	1,682	814
Sales	793	424	7,206	4,460	773	403
Service	3,926	3,013	29,243	22,979	2,069	910
Domestic	260	220	2,886	2,518	43	20
Other Services	3,666	2,793	26,357	20,461	2,026	890
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	7,096	7,145	56,084	54,436	179	128
Processing	1,351	1,128	7,076	6,081	12	220
Machine Trades	1,731	1,277	12,661	9,107	1,242	652
Bench Work	2,650	2,118	17,284	14,335	1,561	892
Structural Work	3,005	2,331	21,531	16,833	1,593	742
Miscellaneous	3,021	2,557	20,024	16,969	1,058	380
Motor Freight & Trans.	532	355	4,091	2,827	269	96
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	2,418	2,169	15,193	13,663	717	243
Other	71	33	740	479	72	41
Total	26,895	21,994	201,486	164,713	11,710	5,669

1/ October 1, 1982, through August 31, 1983.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1983 (Thous.)	July 1983 (Thous.)	August 1982 (Thous.)	July 1983	August 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,333.6	2,320.9	2,301.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	787.2	782.2	779.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
DURABLE GOODS	293.6	294.8	290.1	- 0.4	+ 1.2
Lumber & Wood Products	33.7	33.4	31.6	+ 0.9	+ 6.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.0	11.8	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.1	8.0	7.6	+ 1.3	+ 6.6
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.3	4.3	3.1	- 0 -	+38.7
Furniture & Fixtures	80.9	80.6	78.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Household Furniture	72.7	72.3	69.2	+ 0.6	+ 5.1
Wood Household Furniture	38.2	37.9	36.9	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.1	29.9	27.9	+ 0.7	+ 7.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.3	16.8	16.0	+ 3.0	+ 8.1
Structural Clay Products	2.3	2.2	1.8	+ 4.5	+27.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.6	4.2	+ 4.3	+14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.7	8.5	8.5	+ 2.4	+ 2.4
Fabricated Metal Products	23.4	23.5	24.5	- 0.4	- 4.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.4	9.6	9.9	- 2.1	- 5.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	50.4	49.9	49.7	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
Special Industry Machinery	6.7	6.6	6.7	+ 1.5	- 0 -
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	49.0	51.6	52.6	- 5.0	- 6.8
Household Appliances	5.8	5.8	5.9	- 0 -	- 1.7
Transportation Equipment	15.7	15.9	15.1	- 1.3	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.5	14.6	14.1	- 0.7	+ 2.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.6	487.4	488.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	42.9	43.7	43.6	- 1.8	- 1.6
Meat Products	16.8	16.8	17.0	- 0 -	- 1.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.7	2.8	- 0 -	- 3.6
Dairy Products	2.9	2.9	3.0	- 0 -	- 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.5	2.5	- 4.0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	8.0	7.8	- 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.8	6.9	6.9	- 1.4	- 1.4
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.7	21.7	27.4	+ 13.8	- 9.9
Cigarettes	18.7	19.1	19.6	- 2.1	- 4.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.3	1.8	7.0	+194.4	-24.3
Textile Mill Products	225.8	223.3	220.8	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	64.7	64.5	65.2	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.1	34.2	34.7	- 0.3	- 1.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.3	30.0	30.3	+ 1.0	- 0 -
Knitting Mills	76.4	76.3	74.2	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.2	23.1	21.6	+ 0.4	+ 7.4
Hosiery, NEC	21.8	21.6	21.5	+ 0.9	+ 1.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.6	15.6	14.9	- 0 -	+ 4.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.6	6.5	6.6	+ 1.5	- 0 -
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.5	15.1	14.0	+ 2.6	+10.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.1	54.5	54.8	+ 2.9	+ 2.4

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1983 (Thous.)	July 1983 (Thous.)	August 1982 (Thous.)	July 1983	August 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.5	87.8	85.7	+ 0.8	+ 3.3
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.0	27.0	27.6	- 0 -	- 2.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	43.1	42.7	41.3	+ 0.9	+ 4.4
Paper & Allied Products	21.7	21.6	21.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.6	10.8	+ 0.9	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.4	6.4	6.4	- 0 -	- 0 -
Printing & Publishing	21.2	21.2	20.8	- 0 -	+ 1.9
Newspapers	8.7	8.7	8.3	- 0 -	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.6	36.2	36.7	+ 1.1	- 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.7	14.3	+ 0.7	- 3.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.7	26.3	26.0	+ 1.5	+ 2.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.5	5.6	6.4	- 1.8	- 14.1
NONMANUFACTURING	1,546.4	1,538.7	1,522.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
MINING	4.9	4.8	4.6	+ 2.1	+ 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	106.8	105.1	105.3	+ 1.6	+ 1.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.2	114.9	116.1	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	55.7	55.2	55.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.0	54.2	55.2	- 0.4	- 2.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	487.6	482.5	480.6	+ 1.1	+ 1.5
Wholesale Trade	127.9	124.7	128.6	+ 2.6	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	73.6	73.2	72.1	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.3	51.5	56.5	+ 5.4	- 3.9
Retail Trade	359.7	357.8	352.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
General Merchandise Stores	53.3	52.8	52.5	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
Variety Stores	13.7	13.5	12.7	+ 1.5	+ 7.9
Food Stores	58.5	58.6	58.0	- 0.2	+ 0.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.8	100.8	98.4	- 0 -	+ 2.4
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	374.7	374.2	363.7	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.4	22.5	21.8	- 0.4	+ 2.8
Personal Services	22.9	22.8	22.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	9.9	10.1	- 0 -	- 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	356.4	356.4	353.8	- 0 -	+ 0.7
Federal	49.7	49.8	49.0	- 0.2	+ 1.4
State	111.4	110.7	111.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
Education	50.5	49.3	51.9	+ 2.4	- 2.7
Other	60.9	61.4	59.4	- 0.8	+ 2.5
Local	195.3	195.9	193.5	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Education	90.3	89.1	88.3	+ 1.3	+ 2.3
Other	105.0	106.8	105.2	- 1.7	- 0.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

AUGUST, 1983
(Seasonally Adjusted)

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	August 1983 (Thous)	July 1983 (Thous.)	August 1982 (Thous.)	July 1983	August 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,358.6	2,356.5	2,325.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	785.9	788.6	777.3	- 0.3	+ 1.1
DURABLE GOODS	294.9	296.9	291.2	- 0.7	+ 1.3
Lumber & Wood Products	33.3	33.1	31.2	+ 0.6	+ 6.7
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.0	11.9	11.7	+ 0.8	+ 2.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.0	7.9	7.5	+ 1.3	+ 6.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.1	4.3	3.0	- 4.7	+ 36.7
Furniture & Fixtures	82.6	82.6	79.6	0	+ 3.8
Household Furniture	74.4	74.2	70.8	+ 0.3	+ 5.1
Wood Household Furniture	39.0	38.8	37.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.7
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.4	30.3	28.2	+ 0.3	+ 7.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.2	16.6	15.9	+ 3.6	+ 8.2
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.1	1.8	+ 4.8	+ 22.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.7	4.5	4.1	+ 4.4	+ 14.6
Primary Metal Industries	8.8	8.5	8.6	+ 3.5	+ 2.3
Fabricated Metal Products	23.4	23.7	24.5	- 1.3	- 4.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.5	9.5	10.0	0	- 5.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	50.6	49.9	49.8	+ 1.4	+ 1.6
Special Industry Machinery	6.8	6.7	6.7	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	48.8	51.8	52.4	- 5.8	- 6.9
Household Appliances	5.4	5.8	5.6	- 6.9	- 3.6
Transportation Equipment	15.7	15.9	15.1	- 1.3	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.5	14.8	14.1	- 2.0	+ 2.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	491.0	491.7	486.1	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	42.4	43.1	43.1	- 1.6	- 1.6
Meat Products	19.7	16.8	16.9	+ 17.3	+ 16.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 3.6
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.5	2.5	- 4.0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.8	8.0	7.7	- 2.5	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.6	6.7	6.7	- 1.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.7	23.0	25.2	- 1.3	- 9.9
Cigarettes	18.5	18.7	19.4	- 1.1	- 4.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.9	3.2	5.2	+ 21.9	- 25.0
Textile Mill Products	225.8	225.6	220.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	64.6	65.3	65.1	- 1.1	- 0.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.2	34.5	34.8	- 0.9	- 1.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.4	30.2	30.4	+ 0.7	0
Knitting Mills	76.2	76.7	73.9	- 0.7	+ 3.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.2	23.2	21.6	0	+ 7.4
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.4	21.4	+ 1.4	+ 1.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.7	15.7	15.0	0	+ 4.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.6	6.5	6.6	+ 1.5	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.5	15.6	14.0	- 0.6	+ 10.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.9	55.5	54.6	+ 0.7	+ 2.4

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Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	42.8	43.1	41.0	- 0.7	+ 4.4
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	21.7	21.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.6	6.4	+ 1.9	+ 68.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.5	6.4	8.4	+ 1.6	- 22.6
Printing & Publishing	21.6	21.5	21.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Newspapers	8.8	8.6	8.4	+ 2.3	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.7	36.2	36.8	+ 1.4	- 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.9	13.7	14.4	+ 1.5	- 3.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.5	26.2	25.8	+ 1.1	+ 2.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.5	5.7	6.4	- 3.5	- 14.1
NONMANUFACTURING	1,572.7	1,567.9	1,548.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
MINING	4.9	4.8	4.6	+ 2.1	+ 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	102.3	101.0	100.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	114.5	115.0	115.4	- 0.4	- 0.8
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	55.7	55.8	55.3	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.4	53.6	54.5	- 0.4	- 2.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	483.1	482.9	476.1	*	+ 1.5
Wholesale Trade	124.8	124.7	125.4	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	73.3	73.0	71.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51.5	51.7	53.6	- 0.4	- 3.9
Retail Trade	358.3	358.2	350.7	*	+ 2.2
General Merchandise Stores	54.0	54.0	53.2	0	+ 1.5
Variety Stores	13.8	13.7	12.8	+ 0.7	+ 7.8
Food Stores	58.3	58.4	57.8	- 0.2	+ 0.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	99.0	99.3	96.6	- 0.3	+ 2.5
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	367.0	366.5	356.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	19.0	19.4	18.5	- 2.1	+ 2.7
Personal Services	23.3	23.1	22.7	+ 0.9	+ 2.6
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	9.9	10.1	0	- 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	401.9	398.4	398.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Federal	49.2	48.7	48.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
State	119.8	122.3	120.0	- 2.0	- 0.2
Education	60.2	62.5	61.8	- 3.7	- 2.6
Other	59.6	59.8	58.2	- 0.3	+ 2.4
Local	232.9	227.4	229.9	+ 2.4	+ 1.3
Education	130.7	124.6	127.5	+ 4.9	+ 2.5
Other	102.2	102.8	102.4	- 0.6	- 0.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

AUGUST, 1983

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	July 1983	August 1982
MANUFACTURING	628.1	622.5	617.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
DURABLE GOODS	222.0	223.3	217.9	- 0.6	+ 1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	29.3	29.0	27.2	+ 1.0	+ 7.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.2	7.0	6.7	+ 2.9	+ 7.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.8	3.8	2.5	0	+ 52.0
Furniture & Fixtures	71.9	71.7	68.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.5
Household Furniture	65.3	65.0	61.8	+ 0.5	+ 5.7
Wood Household Furniture	35.2	35.0	33.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	13.9	13.5	12.8	+ 3.0	+ 8.6
Structural Clay Products	1.8	1.7	1.3	+ 5.9	+ 38.5
Primary Metal Industries	6.3	6.2	6.1	+ 1.6	+ 3.3
Fabricated Metal Products	17.0	17.1	17.8	- 0.6	- 4.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	25.6	25.0	25.4	+ 2.4	+ 0.8
Special Industry Machinery	4.4	4.3	4.4	+ 2.3	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	34.0	36.4	37.0	- 6.6	- 8.1
Household Appliances	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.5	12.8	11.9	- 2.3	+ 5.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	406.1	399.2	399.8	+ 1.7	+ 1.6
Food & Kindred Products	29.1	29.8	29.6	- 2.3	- 1.7
Meat Products	14.4	14.3	14.5	+ 0.7	- 0.7
Meat Packing	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.7	1.6	- 5.9	0
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 2.3
Beverages	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 3.6	- 3.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	20.1	17.1	22.9	+ 17.5	- 12.2
Cigarettes	15.1	15.3	15.8	- 1.3	- 4.4
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.4	1.1	6.4	+ 300.0	- 31.2
Textile Mill Products	201.5	198.3	195.7	+ 1.6	+ 3.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	58.8	58.0	58.3	+ 1.4	+ 0.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	30.8	30.6	31.0	+ 0.7	- 0.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	27.8	27.2	27.2	+ 2.2	+ 2.2
Knitting Mills	67.0	66.7	64.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.4	20.2	19.0	+ 1.0	+ 7.4
Hosiery, NEC	20.1	20.0	19.8	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	13.4	12.7	0	+ 5.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.0	12.6	11.6	+ 3.2	+ 12.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.7	50.0	50.3	+ 3.4	+ 2.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	76.5	75.8	73.9	+ 0.9	+ 3.5
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	23.2	23.2	23.7	0	- 2.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.3	36.9	35.6	+ 1.1	+ 4.8
Paper & Allied Products	16.5	16.5	16.3	0	+ 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 1.3
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	4.9	5.0	5.0	- 2.0	- 2.0
Printing & Publishing	12.6	12.5	12.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Newspapers	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 6.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.8	23.5	23.1	+ 1.3	+ 3.0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.7	9.6	9.4	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	21.3	20.9	20.4	+ 1.9	+ 4.4
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.7	4.8	5.5	- 2.1	- 14.5

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

AUGUST, 1983

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982
MANUFACTURING	$ 271.06	$ 268.27	$ 241.81	40.7	40.1	38.2	$ 6.66	$ 6.69	$ 6.33
DURABLE GOODS	278.39	272.84	251.46	40.7	39.6	38.1	6.84	6.89	6.60
Lumber & Wood Products	232.97	233.86	204.06	40.8	41.1	38.0	5.71	5.69	5.37
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	231.39	225.52	205.36	41.1	40.2	38.1	5.63	5.61	5.39
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	256.85	245.83	219.59	40.9	40.7	34.8	6.28	6.04	6.31
Furniture & Fixtures	234.43	218.45	204.12	39.4	36.9	36.0	5.95	5.92	5.67
Household Furniture	234.24	218.15	202.99	39.5	37.1	35.8	5.93	5.88	5.67
Wood Household Furniture	232.97	217.17	196.57	40.8	38.1	36.2	5.71	5.70	5.43
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	315.56	318.42	282.58	42.3	42.4	39.8	7.46	7.51	7.10
Structural Clay Products	257.23	258.43	219.91	42.8	43.0	39.2	6.01	6.01	5.61
Primary Metal Industries	335.58	330.36	293.93	43.3	42.3	40.1	7.75	7.81	7.33
Fabricated Metal Products	315.59	307.16	275.80	41.8	40.9	38.2	7.55	7.51	7.22
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	331.01	321.98	308.51	41.9	40.5	40.7	7.90	7.95	7.58
Special Industry Machinery	292.33	281.46	266.95	40.1	39.2	38.3	7.29	7.18	6.97
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	315.43	321.98	304.17	40.7	40.5	39.4	7.75	7.95	7.72
Household Appliances	252.96	237.34	234.17	40.8	39.1	41.3	6.20	6.07	5.67
Transportation Equipment	309.48	305.66	279.08	41.1	40.7	38.6	7.53	7.51	7.23
NONDURABLE GOODS	266.59	265.17	237.08	40.7	40.3	38.3	6.55	6.58	6.19
Food & Kindred Products	254.38	253.79	232.85	40.7	41.0	39.4	6.25	6.19	5.91
Meat Products	202.22	203.14	186.13	38.3	38.4	37.3	5.28	5.29	4.99
Meat Packing	310.78	303.06	301.67	41.0	40.3	41.1	7.58	7.52	7.34
Dairy Products	262.91	268.13	254.17	43.1	44.1	43.3	6.10	6.08	5.87
Grain Mill Products	299.26	293.49	277.64	44.4	44.2	44.0	6.74	6.64	6.31
Bakery Products	291.65	279.30	253.60	43.4	42.0	40.0	6.72	6.65	6.34
Beverages	497.01	502.65	441.21	48.3	48.1	46.2	10.29	10.45	9.55
Tobacco Manufacturers	403.20	446.94	370.15	38.4	38.2	38.8	10.50	11.70	9.54
Cigarettes	473.17	471.24	451.62	38.5	38.5	38.6	12.29	12.24	11.70
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	174.34	185.32	173.75	37.9	34.9	39.4	4.60	5.31	4.41
Textile Mill Products	253.31	247.23	216.21	41.8	41.0	38.2	6.06	6.03	5.66
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	281.30	276.39	237.55	42.3	41.5	38.5	6.65	6.66	6.17
Weaving Mills, Cotton	278.30	274.96	230.86	41.6	41.1	37.6	6.69	6.69	6.14
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	284.89	277.80	244.28	43.1	41.9	39.4	6.61	6.63	6.20
Knitting Mills	230.83	225.84	204.22	41.0	40.4	38.1	5.63	5.59	5.36
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	219.50	208.28	194.56	40.8	39.9	38.0	5.38	5.22	5.12
Hosiery, NEC	218.40	219.45	190.32	40.0	39.9	36.6	5.46	5.50	5.20
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	256.26	247.25	240.12	41.6	40.4	41.4	6.16	6.12	5.80
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	279.73	287.00	296.40	44.9	45.7	40.0	6.23	6.28	5.91
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	278.63	247.83	232.66	42.8	39.4	39.3	6.51	6.29	5.92
Yarn & Thread Mills	240.19	236.39	203.42	41.7	41.4	37.6	5.76	5.71	5.41
Apparel & Other Textile Products	183.06	179.15	166.68	37.9	37.4	36.0	4.83	4.79	4.63
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	183.14	176.78	165.55	37.3	36.3	35.0	4.91	4.87	4.73
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	173.71	174.26	160.65	37.6	37.8	36.1	4.62	4.61	4.45
Paper & Allied Products	440.63	449.82	407.46	43.8	44.1	42.8	10.06	10.20	9.52
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	533.27	555.68	489.91	44.7	46.0	44.7	11.93	12.08	10.96
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	333.00	331.57	282.49	45.0	43.8	41.3	7.40	7.57	6.84
Printing & Publishing	286.90	287.65	272.97	38.0	38.2	38.5	7.55	7.53	7.09
Newspapers	257.85	268.07	251.54	33.4	34.5	34.6	7.72	7.77	7.27
Chemicals & Allied Products	354.19	362.97	334.43	40.9	41.2	40.1	8.66	8.81	8.34
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	398.05	418.28	368.85	41.9	43.3	40.4	9.50	9.66	9.13
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	355.32	357.85	306.52	42.3	42.5	39.5	8.40	8.42	7.76
MINING	277.41	295.87	297.35	39.8	40.2	43.6	6.97	7.36	6.82
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	421.67	425.15	392.35	41.3	41.6	40.7	10.21	10.22	9.64
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	194.35	197.20	197.22	33.8	34.0	34.6	5.75	5.80	5.70
Wholesale Trade	273.22	281.64	258.69	39.2	39.5	38.9	6.97	7.13	6.65
Retail Trade	169.17	169.58	171.22	32.1	32.3	32.8	5.27	5.25	5.22
General Merchandise Stores	148.80	148.82	148.37	31.0	31.2	31.5	4.80	4.77	4.71
Variety Stores	122.54	125.87	INA	33.0	33.3	INA	3.68	3.78	INA
Food Stores	192.28	191.73	187.27	32.7	33.0	32.4	5.88	5.81	5.78
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	127.00	122.25	128.65	30.9	29.6	31.0	4.11	4.13	4.15
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	167.81	168.57	160.66	34.6	34.9	34.7	4.85	4.83	4.63

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Information not available.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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NORTH CAROLINA

STATE LABOR SUMMARY

September, 1983

TOTAL EMPOYMENT INCREASES SUBSTANTIALLY: Total employment in the State surged ahead by 37,200 people (+1.4 percent) to 2,751,800 from the middle of August to the middle of September of this year. Even though two of the three principal employment segments sustained declines, strong growth in the remaining sector more than offset those losses. To be specific, agricultural employment continued its seasonal drop, falling by 33,400 persons (-29.0 percent). Also, "all other" nonagricultural employment suffered a loss of 3,100 workers (-1.0 percent). On the positive side, nonagricultural wage and salary employment (excluding dual jobholders) rose by 73,700 people (+3.2 percent) over the month.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS MODEST MONTHLY GAIN: North Carolina's manufacturing employment (including dual jobholders) experienced a net monthly increase of 8,100 persons (+1.0 percent) to reach 796,300 in September. Most of that growth (5,700 or 70.4 percent) occurred in the durable goods segment as all of its industries either added workers or at least remained constant. Electrical machinery exhibited the largest net over-the-month increase, rising by 3,600 (+7.3 percent). Furniture and fixtures was a distant second with a net monthly gain of 800 workers (+1.0 percent). The nondurable goods segment made up the balance of the manufacturing growth by adding 2,400 people as most of its industry groups registered some kind of increase. Textile mill products was first with a net over-the-month climb of 1,300 workers (+0.6 percent). Tobacco manufacturing followed with a good net monthly gain of 1,000 (+4.1 percent).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES SEASONAL JUMP: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment advanced by 55,200 (+3.6 percent) from mid-August to mid-September, 1983. The main reason for that increase was the anticipated seasonal growth of 51,000 persons (+14.3 percent) in government due primarily to the reopening of schools. Also, transportation, communications, and public utilities enjoyed a strong gain of 6,000 workers (+5.5 percent) over the thirty-day period.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO SURPASS ONE YEAR AGO: Compared to September of 1982, both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment in North Carolina are well ahead. Manufacturing is up by 14,800 (+1.9 percent) with many of its industries recording good increases: lumber and wood, +2,300; furniture and fixtures, +2,600; stone, clay, and glass, +1,500; transportation equipment, +1,400; textiles, +6,800; and apparel and related products, +2,900. Nonmanufacturing rose by 31,100 (+2.0 percent) over the year as all of its industry groups experienced growth. The three largest were trade, +8,800; service and miscellaneous, +8,500; and government, +9,500.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO DECLINE: North Carolina's total unemployment dropped to 219,600 from mid-August to mid-September of this year. That was a net monthly decrease of 14,200 people (-6.1 percent). Consequently, the State's unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 7.9 percent in August to 7.4 percent in September. One year ago the unemployment situation was much worse because 254,600 persons were out of work and the rate was 8.6 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 8.8 percent in September, 1983, 9.2 percent in August, 1983, and 9.7 percent twelve months ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 9.3 percent this September, 9.5 percent in August, and 10.2 percent in September of 1982.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

September, 1983

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	September 2/ 1983	August 3/ 1983	September 1982	August, 1983		September, 1982	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,971,400	2,948,400	2,959,800	+ 23,000	+ 0.8	+ 11,600	+ 0.4
Employment, Total	2,751,800	2,714,600	2,705,200	+ 37,200	+ 1.4	+ 46,600	+ 1.7
Agricultural Employment	81,600	115,000	87,700	- 33,400	- 29.0	- 6,100	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,377,500	2,303,800	2,335,400	+ 73,700	+ 3.2	+ 42,100	+ 1.8
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	292,700	295,800	282,100	- 3,100	- 1.0	+ 10,600	+ 3.8
Unemployment, Total	219,600	233,800	254,600	- 14,200	- 6.1	- 35,000	- 13.7
State Unadjusted Rate	7.4	7.9	8.6	- 0.5	xxx	- 1.2	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.8	9.2	9.7	- 0.4	xxx	- 0.9	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	9.3	9.5	10.2	- 0.2	xxx	- 0.9	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1982 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

BOTH HOURLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED RISE: From mid-August to mid-September, 1983, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees enjoyed an increase of 4¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) to $6.70. Also, that figure represented a net yearly gain of 32¢ an hour (+5.0 percent). The durable goods segment experienced a good over-the-month rise of 8¢ an hour (+1.2 percent) to hit $6.94 this September. Over the year, durables rose by 34¢ an hour (+5.2 percent). Electrical machinery led the way in durables with a net over-the-month gain of 26¢ an hour (+3.4 percent) to reach $7.94. That was followed by nonelectrical machinery, which displayed net monthly growth of 10¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) to arrive at $8.01. The nondurable goods segment registered a modest over-the-month increase of 1¢ an hour (+0.2 percent) for a $6.57 September figure. That was 31¢ an hour (+5.0 percent) above September of 1982. The nondurable goods industry group which exhibited the largest net monthly growth was paper and allied products, up by 16¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) to $10.20. Printing, publishing, and allied was next, rising by 9¢ over the month (+1.2 percent) to a September, 1983, level of $7.68. From the middle of August to the middle of September of this year, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers increased by $3.63 (+1.3 percent) to $274.03. That was $31.59 (+13.0 percent) more than twelve months ago. Average weekly hours were 40.9 in September, 1983, a monthly rise of 0.3 of an hour and a yearly rise of 2.9 hours.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UP OVER THE MONTH: According to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 301.8 in September, 1983. That figure represented a net monthly increase of 0.5 percent and a net yearly gain of 2.9 percent. Each of the main categories experienced over-the-month increases. The group which rose the most was "other" goods and services, climbing by 1.9 percent from August to September of this year. The cost of apparel and upkeep exhibited a monthly surge of 1.6 percent. Also, the cost of housing was up by 0.5 percent over the month, making it a distant third. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $301.80 in September, 1983.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS DECLINES NOTICEABLY: There were 163,207 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of September 30, 1983. That was a net monthly decrease of 8,139 persons (-4.8 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine age group was once again the largest active applicant segment with 98,678 or 60.5 percent of the total. Following that was the twenty-one and under sector which had 29,612 or 18.1 percent. As expected, the fifty-five and over segment had the fewest active applicants with 8,142 or 5.0 percent of the total. Females comprised the majority of the active applicants with 51.9 percent of the total and a count of 84,707. Furthermore, blacks, not Hispanic, made up 39.1 percent of the total and numbered 63,874. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of September 30, 1983.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

September 30, 1983

	Number	Percent
Total	163,207	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	29,612	18.1
22-39	98,678	60.5
40-54	26,775	16.4
55 and Over	8,142	5.0
Sex		
Male	78,500	48.1
Female	84,707	51.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	95,476	58.6
Black, not Hispanic	63,874	39.1
Hispanic	1,209	0.7
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,701	1.0
Other Races and Undetermined	947	0.6
Eligible Claimant	61,961	38.0
Veteran	24,901	15.3
Handicapped	9,801	6.0
Welfare	18,824	11.5
Seasonal Farmworker	2,652	1.6

JOB OPENINGS CONTINUE TO DECREASE: There were 24,641 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State during the month of September, 1983. That figure represented a net over-the-month decline of 2,254 (-8.4 percent). A good percentage of those jobs was filled (82.9 percent or 20,416). The occupational group with the largest number of job openings received in September was farming, fishing, and forestry with 6,661 and, once again, all were filled. Next came the miscellaneous occupational group with 3,634 job openings received in September and 3,186 or 87.7 percent filled. The third largest number of job openings received occurred in the service category with 3,017. Most of those were filled (2,297 or 76.1 percent). The professional, technical, and managerial group had the fewest job openings received in September with just 660. A rather low percentage was filled (40.5 percent or 267). During the 1983 Fiscal Year, there have been 226,127 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. The vast majority of those was filled (185,129 or 81.9 percent). As of September 30, 1983, there were 11,426 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. More than half of those (6,406 or 56.1 percent) had been open for thirty days or more and, therefore, should be classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings in September, 1983, and for the 1983 Fiscal Year.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	September, 1983		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of September 30, 1983	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	660	267	8,715	4,081	967	607
Clerical	2,261	1,496	24,583	17,195	1,557	777
Sales	925	572	8,131	5,032	771	453
Service	3,017	2,297	32,260	25,276	1,944	1,043
Domestic	242	180	3,128	2,698	61	26
Other Services	2,775	2,117	29,132	22,578	1,883	1,017
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	6,661	6,745	62,745	61,181	111	43
Processing	1,314	1,212	8,390	7,293	566	318
Machine Trades	1,498	1,060	14,159	10,167	1,238	730
Bench Work	2,281	1,787	19,565	16,122	1,748	1,138
Structural Work	2,390	1,794	23,921	18,627	1,493	828
Miscellaneous	3,634	3,186	23,658	20,155	1,031	469
Motor Freight & Trans.	400	269	4,491	3,096	234	104
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	3,173	2,871	18,366	16,534	741	330
Other	61	46	801	525	56	35
Total	24,641	20,416	226,127	185,129	11,425	6,406

1/ October 1, 1982, through September 30, 1983 (1983 Fiscal Year).

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1983 (Thous.)	August 1983 (Thous.)	September 1982 (Thous.)	August 1983	September 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2392.6	2329.3	2346.7	+ 2.7	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	796.3	788.2	781.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.9
DURABLE GOODS	300.0	294.3	292.3	+ 1.9	+ 2.6
Lumber & Wood Products	33.7	33.7	31.4	0	+ 7.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.2	12.1	11.7	+ 0.8	+ 4.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.2	8.1	7.4	+ 1.2	+ 10.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.2	4.3	3.2	- 2.3	+ 31.3
Furniture & Fixtures	81.9	81.1	79.3	+ 1.0	+ 3.3
Household Furniture	73.4	72.9	70.6	+ 0.7	+ 4.0
Wood Household Furniture	38.5	38.3	37.3	+ 0.5	+ 3.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.3	30.2	28.7	+ 0.3	+ 5.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.5	17.3	16.0	+ 1.2	+ 9.4
Structural Clay Products	2.3	2.3	1.8	0	+ 27.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+ 14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.8	8.8	8.5	0	+ 3.5
Fabricated Metal Products	23.5	23.4	24.4	+ 0.4	- 3.7
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.4	9.4	10.1	0	- 6.9
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	50.6	50.6	50.2	0	+ 0.8
Special Industry Machinery	6.7	6.7	6.7	0	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	52.7	49.1	53.2	+ 7.3	- 0.9
Household Appliances	6.1	5.8	5.9	+ 5.2	+ 3.4
Transportation Equipment	16.4	15.7	15.0	+ 4.5	+ 9.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.6	14.3	+ 2.1	+ 4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	496.3	493.9	489.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	43.7	43.0	43.4	+ 1.6	+ 0.7
Meat Products	17.2	16.8	17.0	+ 2.4	+ 1.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Dairy Products	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.6	6.8	6.7	- 2.9	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.5	24.5	27.3	+ 4.1	- 6.6
Cigarettes	18.4	18.7	19.3	- 1.6	- 4.7
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	6.4	5.2	7.3	+ 23.1	- 12.3
Textile Mill Products	227.5	226.2	220.7	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.3	64.7	65.3	+ 0.9	0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.5	34.1	34.3	+ 1.2	+ 0.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.6	30.3	30.7	+ 1.0	- 0.3
Knitting Mills	77.3	76.8	74.0	+ 0.7	+ 4.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.6	23.4	21.6	+ 0.9	+ 9.3
Hosiery, NEC	21.9	21.9	21.4	0	+ 2.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.8	15.6	15.1	+ 1.3	+ 4.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.6	6.6	6.4	0	+ 3.1
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.5	15.4	14.0	+ 0.6	+ 10.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.3	56.2	54.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.9

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1983 (Thous.)	August 1983 (Thous.)	September 1982 (Thous.)	August 1983	September 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.2	88.8	86.3	+ 0.5	+ 3.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.3	27.2	27.6	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	43.5	43.2	41.5	+ 0.7	+ 4.8
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	21.6	21.7	+ 0.9	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.7	10.9	0	- 1.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.5	6.4	6.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.6
Printing & Publishing	21.2	21.2	21.1	0	+ 1.0
Newspapers	8.7	8.7	8.2	0	+ 6.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.0	36.4	36.4	- 1.1	- 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.5	13.8	14.1	- 2.2	- 4.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.0	26.7	26.1	- 2.6	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.4	5.5	6.3	- 1.9	- 14.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1596.3	1541.1	1565.2	+ 3.6	+ 2.0
MINING	4.9	4.9	4.7	0	+ 4.3
CONSTRUCTION	106.2	10.67	104.4	- 0.5	+ 1.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.7	109.7	115.5	+ 5.5	+ 0.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	56.5	55.9	55.6	+ 1.1	+ 1.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.7	48.3	54.4	+ 11.2	- 1.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	489.1	488.1	480.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Wholesale Trade	128.0	128.0	128.4	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	73.7	73.8	71.8	- 0.1	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.3	54.2	56.6	+ 0.2	- 4.1
Retail Trade	361.1	360.1	351.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
General Merchandise Stores	53.5	53.5	52.2	0	+ 2.5
Variety Stores	13.7	13.7	12.7	0	+ 7.9
Food Stores	59.6	58.5	58.3	+ 1.7	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.1	100.7	98.0	- 0.6	+ 2.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	371.8	373.5	363.3	- 0.5	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.8	22.6	20.6	- 3.5	+ 5.8
Personal Services	23.0	22.9	22.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.0	10.1	0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	408.5	357.5	399.0	+ 14.3	+ 2.4
Federal	49.7	49.8	48.7	- 0.2	+ 2.1
State	120.0	111.4	116.5	+ 7.7	+ 3.0
Education	61.2	50.5	58.8	+ 21.2	+ 4.1
Other	58.8	60.9	57.7	- 3.4	+ 1.9
Local	238.8	196.3	233.8	+ 21.7	+ 2.1
Education	137.1	91.2	133.4	+ 50.3	+ 2.8
Other	101.7	105.1	100.4	- 3.2	+ 1.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1983
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1983 (Thous)	August 1983 (Thous)	September 1982 (Thous)	August 1983	September 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2374.3	2354.8	2327.8	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	791.6	787.0	776.6	+ 0.6	+ 1.9
DURABLE GOODS	299.6	295.6	291.9	+ 1.4	+ 2.6
Lumber & Wood Products	33.4	33.3	31.1	+ 0.3	+ 7.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.0	11.6	+ 0.8	+ 4.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.1	8.0	7.4	+ 1.2	+ 9.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.1	4.1	3.1	0	+ 32.3
Furniture & Fixtures	82.1	82.8	79.5	- 0.8	+ 3.3
Household Furniture	73.5	74.6	70.8	- 1.5	+ 3.8
Wood Household Furniture	38.6	39.1	37.4	- 1.3	+ 3.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.3	30.5	28.7	- 0.7	+ 5.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.3	17.2	15.9	+ 0.6	+ 8.8
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	1.7	0	+ 29.4
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.7	4.7	4.1	0	+ 14.6
Primary Metal Industries	8.8	8.9	8.5	- 1.1	+ 3.5
Fabricated Metal Products	23.4	23.4	24.3	0	- 3.7
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.3	9.5	10.0	- 2.1	- 7.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	50.8	50.8	50.4	0	+ 0.8
Special Industry Machinery	6.7	6.8	6.7	- 1.5	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	52.4	48.9	52.8	+ 13.3	- 0.8
Household Appliances	5.6	5.4	5.5	+ 1.9	+ 1.8
Transportation Equipment	16.5	15.7	15.1	+ 5.1	+ 9.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.6	14.3	+ 2.1	+ 4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	492.0	491.4	484.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	43.2	42.5	42.9	+ 1.6	+ 0.7
Meat Products	17.2	16.7	17.0	+ 3.0	+ 1.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Dairy Products	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 3.6	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.6	6.6	6.7	0	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.7	22.6	24.3	+ 0.4	- 6.6
Cigarettes	18.5	18.5	19.4	0	- 4.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.7	3.8	4.2	- 2.6	- 11.9
Textile Mill Products	227.5	226.2	220.7	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.6	64.6	65.5	+ 1.5	+ 0.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.8	34.2	34.6	+ 1.8	+ 0.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.4	30.4	30.6	0	- 0.7
Knitting Mills	77.2	76.6	73.9	+ 0.8	+ 4.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.7	23.4	21.7	+ 1.3	+ 9.2
Hosiery, NEC	21.9	21.8	21.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.9	15.7	15.2	+ 1.3	+ 4.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.5	6.6	6.3	- 1.5	+ 3.2
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.6	15.4	14.1	+ 1.3	+ 10.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.4	56.0	54.8	+ 0.7	+ 2.9

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1983
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1983 (Thous)	August 1983 (Thous)	September 1982 (Thous)	August 1983	September 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.1	88.3	85.2	- 0.2	+ 3.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	26.9	26.9	27.2	0	- 1.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	43.2	42.9	41.3	+ 0.7	+ 4.6
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	21.7	21.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.8	6.4	- 0.9	+ 67.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.6	6.5	8.3	+ 1.5	- 20.5
Printing & Publishing	21.4	21.6	21.2	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Newspapers	8.8	8.8	8.3	0	+ 6.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.1	36.5	36.5	- 1.1	- 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.9	14.2	- 1.4	- 3.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	25.7	26.5	25.8	- 3.0	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.5	5.5	6.4	0	- 14.1
NONMANUFACTURING	1582.7	1567.8	1551.2	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
MINING	4.9	4.9	4.7	0	+ 4.3
CONSTRUCTION	103.3	102.2	101.5	+ 1.1	+ 1.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.1	109.0	114.9	+ 5.6	+ 0.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	55.7	55.9	54.8	- 0.4	+ 1.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.8	47.7	54.5	+ 12.8	- 1.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	484.4	483.6	475.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Wholesale Trade	125.1	124.9	125.2	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	73.8	73.5	71.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51.3	51.4	53.4	- 0.2	- 2.1
Retail Trade	359.3	358.7	350.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
General Merchandise Stores	54.3	54.2	52.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Variety Stores	13.8	13.8	12.8	0	+ 7.8
Food Stores	59.0	58.3	57.8	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.3	98.9	98.2	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	368.5	365.8	359.8	+ 0.7	+ 2.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	20.6	19.2	19.5	+ 7.3	+ 5.6
Personal Services	23.4	23.3	22.7	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.0	10.1	0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	406.2	403.4	396.8	+ 0.7	+ 2.4
Federal	49.9	49.3	48.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.0
State	121.1	119.8	117.6	+ 1.1	+ 3.0
Education	61.9	60.2	59.5	+ 2.8	+ 4.0
Other	59.2	59.6	58.1	- 0.7	+ 1.9
Local	235.2	234.3	230.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Education	132.7	132.0	129.1	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Other	102.5	102.3	101.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1983

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1983	August 1983	September 1982	August 1983	September 1982
MANUFACTURING	637.8	628.9	621.1	+ 1.4	+ 2.7
DURABLE GOODS	229.0	222.7	220.5	+ 2.8	+ 3.9
Lumber & Wood Products	29.4	29.4	27.0	0	+ 8.9
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.2	7.2	6.5	0	+ 10.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.7	3.8	2.6	- 2.6	+ 42.3
Furniture & Fixtures	73.0	72.1	70.3	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
Household Furniture	66.2	65.6	63.2	+ 0.9	+ 4.7
Wood Household Furniture	35.5	35.4	34.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	14.2	14.0	12.7	+ 1.4	+ 11.8
Structural Clay Products	1.8	1.8	1.3	0	+ 38.5
Primary Metal Industries	6.4	6.4	6.1	0	4.9
Fabricated Metal Products	17.2	17.1	17.8	+ 0.6	- 3.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.0	25.7	26.0	+ 1.2	0
Special Industry Machinery	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	37.8	34.0	37.6	+ 11.2	+ 0.5
Household Appliances	5.4	5.2	5.3	+ 3.8	+ 1.9
Transportation Equipment	13.2	12.5	11.9	+ 5.6	+ 10.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.8	406.2	400.6	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Food & Kindred Products	29.7	29.1	29.6	+ 2.1	+ 0.3
Meat Products	14.7	14.4	14.5	+ 2.1	+ 1.4
Meat Packing	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.6	2.7	2.7	- 3.7	- 3.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.0	20.0	22.8	+ 5.0	- 7.9
Cigarettes	14.7	15.1	15.5	- 2.6	- 5.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.7	4.3	6.7	+ 32.6	- 14.9
Textile Mill Products	203.2	201.9	195.5	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	59.4	58.7	58.4	+ 1.2	+ 1.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.2	30.8	30.6	+ 1.3	+ 2.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.1	27.8	27.6	+ 1.1	+ 1.8
Knitting Mills	67.8	67.4	64.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.8	20.6	19.0	+ 1.0	+ 9.5
Hosiery, NEC	20.2	20.2	19.7	0	+ 2.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.5	13.4	12.8	+ 0.7	+ 5.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.7	5.6	5.4	+ 1.8	+ 5.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.1	13.0	11.6	+ 0.8	+ 12.9
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.8	51.8	50.2	0	+ 3.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.2	76.8	74.5	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	23.4	23.3	23.8	+ 0.4	- 1.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.7	37.4	35.7	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
Paper & Allied Products	16.7	16.4	16.5	+ 1.8	+ 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.9	7.8	8.1	+ 1.3	- 2.5
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.1	5.0	4.9	+ 2.0	+ 4.1
Printing & Publishing	12.5	12.5	12.6	0	- 0.8
Newspapers	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 6.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.3	23.6	23.1	- 1.3	+ 0.9
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.4	9.6	9.4	- 2.1	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	20.6	21.2	20.6	- 2.8	0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.6	4.7	5.4	- 2.1	- 14.8

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

September, 1983

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. 1983	August 1983	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1983	August 1983	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1983	August 1983	Sept. 1982
MANUFACTURING	$274.03	$270.40	$242.44	40.9	40.6	38.0	$ 6.70	$ 6.66	$ 6.38
DURABLE GOODS	284.54	278.52	246.84	41.0	40.6	37.4	6.94	6.86	6.60
Lumber & Wood Products	238.05	233.13	209.44	41.4	40.9	38.5	5.75	5.70	5.44
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	229.90	231.84	206.01	41.2	41.4	37.8	5.58	5.60	5.45
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	278.47	255.00	219.73	41.5	40.8	36.2	6.71	6.25	6.07
Furniture & Fixtures	236.59	233.22	202.13	39.3	39.0	35.4	6.02	5.98	5.71
Household Furniture	236.79	233.43	199.58	39.4	39.1	35.2	6.01	5.97	5.67
Wood Household Furniture	232.76	229.82	194.75	40.2	39.9	35.8	5.79	5.76	5.44
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	316.59	314.39	262.55	42.1	42.2	37.4	7.52	7.45	7.02
Structural Clay Products	256.97	254.40	216.06	42.9	42.4	39.0	5.99	6.00	5.54
Primary Metal Industries	338.47	338.52	286.10	43.9	43.4	39.3	7.71	7.80	7.28
Fabricated Metal Products	311.64	321.14	275.38	42.0	42.2	38.3	7.42	7.61	7.19
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	339.62	329.85	309.57	42.4	41.7	40.1	8.01	7.91	7.72
Special Industry Machinery	302.41	296.87	264.22	41.2	40.5	37.8	7.34	7.33	6.99
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	331.89	312.58	288.41	41.8	40.7	37.8	7.94	7.68	7.63
Household Appliances	261.32	252.96	220.80	42.7	40.8	38.2	6.12	6.20	5.78
Transportation Equipment	319.96	309.48	272.65	42.1	41.1	37.4	7.60	7.53	7.29
NONDURABLE GOODS	268.71	266.34	240.38	40.9	40.6	38.4	6.57	6.56	6.26
Food & Kindred Products	251.31	253.75	239.60	40.6	40.6	40.0	6.19	6.25	5.99
Meat Products	203.99	204.19	193.67	38.2	38.6	38.2	5.34	5.29	5.07
Meat Packing	326.32	323.33	321.92	42.6	42.6	41.7	7.66	7.59	7.72
Dairy Products	260.65	262.91	250.06	42.8	43.1	42.6	6.09	6.10	5.87
Grain Mill Products	312.82	298.81	292.25	45.6	44.4	45.1	6.86	6.73	6.48
Bakery Products	268.25	282.07	258.26	39.8	42.1	40.8	6.74	6.70	6.33
Beverages	474.83	497.01	458.30	47.2	48.3	46.2	10.06	10.29	9.92
Tobacco Manufacturers	391.93	404.74	378.65	38.2	38.4	39.9	10.26	10.54	9.49
Cigarettes	478.75	473.17	464.05	38.3	38.5	38.8	12.50	12.29	11.96
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	175.26	173.96	184.88	38.1	37.9	42.6	4.60	4.59	4.34
Textile Mill Products	253.12	250.66	215.65	41.7	41.5	37.9	6.07	6.04	5.69
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	280.87	278.46	237.93	42.3	42.0	38.5	6.64	6.63	6.18
Weaving Mills, Cotton	282.56	275.47	244.67	42.3	41.3	39.4	6.68	6.67	6.21
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	279.84	281.39	231.24	42.4	42.7	37.6	6.60	6.59	6.15
Knitting Mills	226.16	226.64	202.29	40.1	40.4	37.6	5.64	5.61	5.38
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	206.42	209.35	196.60	38.8	39.5	38.1	5.32	5.30	5.16
Hosiery, NEC	210.60	213.40	189.19	38.5	39.3	35.9	5.47	5.43	5.27
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	264.08	256.65	243.95	42.8	41.8	41.7	6.17	6.14	5.85
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	267.84	280.35	206.15	43.2	45.0	35.0	6.20	6.23	5.89
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	270.30	269.66	232.85	42.3	42.4	39.2	6.39	6.36	5.94
Yarn & Thread Mills	248.24	243.34	203.83	42.8	42.1	37.4	5.80	5.78	5.45
Apparel & Other Textile Products	185.17	184.02	168.43	38.1	38.1	36.3	4.86	4.83	4.64
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	178.33	184.50	162.50	36.1	37.5	34.5	4.94	4.92	4.71
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	177.46	172.88	164.05	38.0	37.5	36.7	4.67	4.61	4.47
Paper & Allied Products	455.94	439.75	442.22	44.7	43.8	44.4	10.20	10.04	9.96
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	563.34	532.51	534.39	46.1	44.9	47.0	12.22	11.86	11.37
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	344.29	331.52	280.55	46.4	44.8	40.6	7.42	7.40	6.91
Printing & Publishing	293.38	287.66	269.80	38.2	37.9	38.0	7.68	7.59	7.10
Newspapers	262.23	256.88	257.28	34.1	33.8	35.1	7.69	7.60	7.33
Chemicals & Allied Products	369.22	359.63	338.24	42.1	41.1	39.7	8.77	8.75	8.52
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	414.09	405.34	383.80	43.0	42.4	40.7	9.63	9.56	9.43
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	361.96	357.44	315.21	43.4	42.3	39.5	8.34	8.45	7.98
MINING	280.28	284.62	288.54	38.5	40.2	42.0	7.28	7.08	6.87
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	426.62	404.17	393.57	41.5	41.2	40.7	10.28	9.81	9.67
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	193.05	194.25	196.65	33.4	33.9	34.2	5.78	5.73	5.75
Wholesale Trade	269.04	276.11	261.80	38.6	39.5	38.9	6.97	6.99	6.73
Retail Trade	168.86	168.20	168.20	31.8	32.1	32.1	5.31	5.24	5.24
General Merchandise Stores	147.56	148.32	146.95	30.3	30.9	31.2	4.87	4.80	4.71
Variety Stores	122.25	123.58	INA	32.6	33.4	INA	3.75	3.70	INA
Food Stores	193.38	191.22	186.50	32.5	32.8	32.1	5.95	5.83	5.81
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	122.25	124.94	126.45	29.6	30.4	31.3	4.13	4.11	4.04
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	168.22	168.22	160.31	34.9	34.9	34.7	4.82	4.82	4.62

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Information not available.

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUFFERS SMALL DECLINE: From mid-September to mid-October, 1983, North Carolina's total employment sustained a slight drop of 3,800 persons (-0.1 percent) to 2,747,100. The anticipated seasonal loss of 15,500 workers (-19.0 percent) in agricultural employment was more than enough to offset the modest gains in the other main employment categories: "all other" nonagricultural employment (+3,800) and nonagricultural wage and salary employment (+7,900).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RISES OVER THE MONTH: Manufacturing employment in the State experienced modest net over-the-month growth of 4,400 workers (+0.6 percent) to rise to 800,300 in October, 1983. The durable goods sector accounted for 2,300 of that increase as most of its industry groups experienced gains. Furniture and fixtures displayed the largest net monthly climb, up by 900 people (+1.1 percent) due to a general increase in business. Electrical machinery followed with the addition of 700 persons (+1.3 percent). The nondurable goods sector rose by 2,100 workers over the month as all industry groups but one exhibited gains. Apparel and related products led the way in nondurables with a net monthly increase of 600 people (+0.7 percent) as orders began arriving for the new spring lines. Printing, publishing, and allied was next with a net over-the-month rise of 400 workers (+1.9 percent).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO GROW: From the middle of September to the middle of October of this year, nonmanufacturing employment in North Carolina displayed a noticeable increase of 11,700 (+0.7 percent) for an October estimate of 1,607,600. Four of the seven industry groups enjoyed gains with the two largest being primarily seasonal in nature: trade, +3,200, and government, +6,400. Those two industries alone made up 82.1 percent of the net monthly growth in nonmanufacturing.

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT WELL AHEAD OF LAST YEAR: The State's total manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment in October of this year was 54,400 (+2.3 percent) above October, 1982. Manufacturing employment rose by 25,100 (+3.2 percent) as several industry groups experienced strong gains: lumber and wood, +2,300; furniture and fixtures, +3,500; textile mill products, +7,100; and apparel and related products, +4,000. Nonmanufacturing employment advanced by 29,300 (+1.9 percent) with every industry group recording worker gains. Trade (+9,500), service and miscellaneous (+7,500), and government (+6,700) were the top three.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES OVER THE MONTH: From the middle of September to the middle of October, 1983, total unemployment in the State rose to 222,700 - an over-the-month increase of 3,100 persons (+1.4 percent). As a result, North Carolina's unadjusted rate of unemployment edged upward from 7.4 percent in September to 7.5 percent in October. Economic conditions were not as good twelve months ago (October, 1982) when there were 267,700 jobless people and the rate was 9.0 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 8.4 percent in October, 1983, 8.8 percent in September, 1983, and 9.9 percent one year ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 8.8 percent this October, 9.3 percent in September, and 10.5 percent in October of last year.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

October, 1983

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	October 2/ 1983	September 3/ 1983	October 1982	September, 1983		October, 1982	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,969,800	2,970,500	2,962,100	- 700	*	+ 7,700	+ 0.3
Employment, Total	2,747,100	2,750,900	2,694,400	- 3,800	- 0.1	+52,700	+ 2.0
Agricultural Employment	66,100	81,600	71,100	-15,500	-19.0	- 5,000	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,384,700	2,376,800	2,341,700	+ 7,900	+ 0.3	+43,000	+ 1.8
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	296,300	292,500	281,600	+ 3,800	+ 1.3	+14,700	+ 5.2
Unemployment, Total	222,700	219,600	267,700	+ 3,100	+ 1.4	-45,000	-16.8
State Unadjusted Rate	7.5	7.4	9.0	+ 0.1	xxx	- 1.5	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.4	8.8	9.9	- 0.4	xxx	- 1.5	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	8.8	9.3	10.5	- 0.5	xxx	- 1.7	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1982 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
* Less than 0.05 percent.

BOTH HOURLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED UP SLIGHTLY: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers inched forward by 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to $6.71 from the middle of September to the middle of October of this year. Since October, 1982, an increase of 32¢ an hour (+5.0 percent) has occurred in average hourly earnings. The durable goods sector also rose by just 1¢ over the month for an October figure of $6.94. Compared to one year ago, that figure represented growth of 33¢ an hour (+5.0 percent). The durable goods industry which had the largest net monthly increase was primary metals, up by 15¢ an hour (+1.9 percent) to hit $7.90. Fabricated metals was next, rising by 8¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) over the month to reach $7.48 in October. The nondurable goods sector fared only a little better with a net monthly gain of 2¢ an hour to average $6.59. That was 31¢ an hour (+4.9 percent) more han twelve months earlier. Rubber and plastic products led the way in nondurables with a net over-the-month surge of 15¢ an hour (+1.8 percent) to rise to $8.42. Paper and allied products followed with a net monthly gain of 5¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to climb to $10.43 in October of this year. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees enjoyed a modest rise of $1.08 (+0.4 percent) to $275.78 from mid-September to mid-October, 1983. That was $29.76 (+12.1 percent) above the average in October, 1982. Average weekly hours, which stood at 41.1 in October, 1983, were up by 0.1 of an hour over the month and by 2.6 hours over the year.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA [1]

October, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1983 (Thous.)	September 1983 (Thous.)	October 1982 (Thous.)	September 1983	October 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2407.9	2391.8	2353.5	+ 0.7	+ 2.3
MANUFACTURING	800.3	795.9	775.2	+ 0.6	+ 3.2
DURABLE GOODS	302.3	300.0	288.2	+ 0.8	+ 4.9
Lumber & Wood Products	33.7	33.8	31.4	- 0.3	+ 7.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.2	12.2	11.5	0	+ 6.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.2	8.2	7.5	0	+ 9.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.3	4.2	3.3	+ 2.4	+ 30.3
Furniture & Fixtures	82.8	81.9	79.3	+ 1.1	+ 4.4
Household Furniture	74.3	73.4	70.6	+ 1.2	+ 5.2
Wood Household Furniture	38.8	38.5	37.3	+ 0.8	+ 4.0
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.5	30.4	28.5	+ 0.3	+ 7.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.6	17.5	15.6	+ 0.6	+ 12.8
Structural Clay Products	2.3	2.3	1.9	0	+ 21.1
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+ 14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.8	8.3	+ 1.1	+ 7.2
Fabricated Metal Products	23.4	23.4	24.0	0	- 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.1	9.2	10.0	- 1.1	- 9.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	51.1	50.6	49.5	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Special Industry Machinery	6.8	6.7	6.6	+ 1.5	+ 3.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	53.4	52.7	51.3	+ 1.3	+ 4.1
Household Appliances	6.1	6.1	5.8	0	+ 5.2
Transportation Equipment	16.4	16.4	14.4	0	+ 13.9
Other Durable Goods [2]	15.0	14.9	14.4	+ 0.7	+ 4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	498.0	495.9	487.0	+ .4	+ 2.3
Food & Kindred Products	43.1	43.3	43.2	- 0.5	- 0.2
Meat Products	17.1	16.8	16.9	+ 1.8	+ 1.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 3.7	+ 7.7
Dairy Products	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 3.4	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.7	0	+ 2.6
Beverages	6.6	6.6	6.6	0	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.8	25.5	27.0	+ 1.2	- 4.4
Cigarettes	18.3	18.4	19.3	- 0.5	- 5.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	6.9	6.4	7.0	+ 7.8	- 1.4
Textile Mill Products	227.6	227.4	220.5	+ 0.09	+ 3.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.5	65.3	64.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.6	34.4	34.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.6	30.6	29.8	0	+ 2.7
Knitting Mills	77.4	77.3	73.5	+ 0.1	+ 5.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.8	23.7	21.6	+ 0.4	+ 10.2
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.9	21.2	- 0.9	+ 2.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.9	15.8	15.0	+ 0.6	+ 6.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.6	6.6	6.2	0	+ 6.5
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.5	15.6	14.7	- 0.6	+ 5.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.2	56.3	55.6	- 0.2	+ 1.1

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1983 (Thous.)	September 1983 (Thous.)	October 1982 (Thous.)	September 1983	October 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.9	89.3	85.9	+ 0.7	+ 4.7
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.4	27.4	26.8	0	+ 2.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	43.8	43.5	41.8	+ 0.7	+ 4.8
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	21.8	21.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.7	10.9	0	- 1.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.7	6.5	6.3	+ 3.1	+ 6.3
Printing & Publishing	21.6	21.2	21.1	+ 1.9	+ 2.4
Newspapers	8.7	8.6	8.2	+ 1.2	+ 6.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.3	36.0	35.7	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.6	13.6	13.8	0	- 1.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.3	26.0	25.6	+ 1.2	+ 2.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.4	5.4	6.3	0	- 14.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1607.6	1595.9	1578.3	+ 0.7	+ 1.9
MINING	4.9	4.9	4.6	0	+ 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	106.4	106.4	103.4	0	+ 2.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	116.3	115.6	115.8	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	57.3	56.5	56.1	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.6	53.8	54.2	- 0.4	+ 1.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	492.7	489.5	483.2	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
Wholesale Trade	129.1	128.2	129.1	+ 0.7	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.0	73.8	71.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	55.1	54.4	57.2	+ 1.3	- 3.7
Retail Trade	363.6	361.3	354.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.7
General Merchandise Stores	54.4	53.6	52.8	+ 1.5	+ 3.0
Variety Stores	14.2	13.7	12.9	+ 3.6	+ 10.1
Food Stores	59.7	59.5	58.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.2	100.2	98.4	0	+ 1.8
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	372.5	371.1	365.0	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.9	21.7	20.5	+ 0.9	+ 6.8
Personal Services	23.1	23.0	22.4	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.0	10.0	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	414.6	408.2	407.9	+ 1.6	+ 1.6
Federal	49.5	49.6	48.8	- 0.2	+ 1.4
State	124.5	119.6	122.5	+ 4.1	+ 1.6
Education	66.1	60.8	64.9	+ 8.7	+ 1.8
Other	58.4	58.8	57.6	- 0.7	+ 1.4
Local	240.6	239.0	236.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.7
Education	139.2	137.1	135.8	+ 1.5	+ 2.5
Other	101.4	101.9	100.8	- 0.5	+ 0.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1983
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1983 (Thous.)	September 1983 (Thous.)	October 1982 (Thous.)	September 1983	October 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2383.5	2373.5	2328.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
MANUFACTURING	795.4	791.2	769.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.3
DURABLE GOODS	301.2	299.6	286.9	+ 0.5	+ 5.0
Lumber & Wood Products	33.5	33.5	31.2	0	+ 7.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.3	12.1	11.6	+ 1.7	+ 6.0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.2	8.1	7.5	+ 1.2	+ 9.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.2	4.1	3.2	+ 2.4	+ 31.2
Furniture & Fixtures	82.6	82.1	79.0	+ 0.6	+ 4.6
Household Furniture	74.1	73.5	70.4	+ 0.8	+ 5.3
Wood Household Furniture	38.6	38.6	37.1	0	+ 4.0
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.5	30.4	28.5	+ 0.3	+ 7.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.6	17.3	15.6	+ 1.7	+ 12.8
Structural Clay Products	2.3	2.2	1.9	+ 4.5	+ 21.1
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.7	4.2	+ 2.1	+ 14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.8	8.3	+ 1.1	+ 7.2
Fabricated Metal Products	23.2	23.3	23.8	- 0.4	- 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.0	9.1	9.9	- 1.1	- 9.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	51.3	50.8	49.6	+ 0.8	+ 3.4
Special Industry Machinery	6.8	6.7	6.6	+ 1.5	+ 3.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	52.8	52.4	50.7	+ 0.8	+ 4.1
Household Appliances	5.6	5.6	5.3	0	+ 5.7
Transportation Equipment	16.4	16.5	14.4	- 0.6	+ 13.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.9	14.3	0	+ 4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	494.2	491.6	483.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.3
Food & Kindred Products	42.6	42.8	42.7	- 0.5	- 0.2
Meat Products	17.1	16.8	16.9	+ 1.8	+ 1.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 3.7	+ 7.7
Dairy Products	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 3.4	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	7.8	7.7	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Beverages	6.7	6.6	6.7	+ 1.5	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.9	22.7	23.9	+ 0.9	- 4.2
Cigarettes	18.5	18.5	19.5	0	- 5.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	3.7	4.1	+ 8.1	- 2.4
Textile Mill Products	227.6	227.4	220.5	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.8	65.6	64.3	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.8	34.7	34.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.7	30.4	29.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.7
Knitting Mills	77.7	77.2	73.8	+ 0.6	+ 5.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.9	23.8	21.7	+ 0.4	+ 10.1
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.9	21.2	- 0.9	+ 2.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.0	15.9	15.1	+ 0.6	+ 6.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.7	6.5	6.3	+ 3.1	+ 6.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.3	15.7	14.6	- 2.5	+ 4.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.9	56.4	55.3	- 0.9	+ 1.1

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1983

(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT October 1983 (Thous.)	September 1983 (Thous.)	October 1982 (Thous.)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: September 1983	October 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.2	88.2	85.2	+ 1.1	+ 4.7
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.3	27.0	26.7	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear &	43.6	43.2	41.6	+ 0.9	+ 4.8
Undergarments	22.0	21.8	21.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.4
Paper & Allied Products	10.7	10.7	6.3	0	+ 69.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	6.7	6.6	8.2	+ 1.5	- 18.3
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	21.7	21.4	21.2	+ 1.4	+ 2.4
Printing & Publishing	8.7	8.7	8.2	0	+ 6.1
Newspapers	36.6	36.1	36.0	+ 1.4	+ 1.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	13.7	13.8	13.9	- 0.7	- 1.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	26.1	25.7	25.4	+ 1.6	+ 2.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	5.5	5.5	6.4	0	- 14.1
Other Nondurable Goods 3/					
NONMANUFACTURING	1588.1	1582.3	1558.8	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
MINING	4.9	4.9	4.6	0	+ 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	104.5	103.5	101.5	+ 1.0	+ 3.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.6	115.0	115.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	56.3	55.7	55.1	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.8	53.9	54.4	- 0.2	- 1.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	486.2	484.8	476.6	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Wholesale Trade	125.8	125.3	125.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.0	73.9	71.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51.8	51.4	53.8	+ 0.8	+ 3.7
Retail Trade	360.4	359.5	350.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
General Merchandise Stores	54.3	54.4	52.7	- 0.2	- 3.0
Variety Stores	14.0	13.8	12.7	+ 1.4	+ 10.2
Food Stores	59.2	59.0	58.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.7	100.4	98.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	370.6	367.8	363.1	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.3	20.5	20.0	+ 3.9	+ 6.5
Personal Services	23.5	23.4	22.8	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.0	10.0	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	405.6	405.9	399.2	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Federal	49.9	49.8	49.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
State	120.7	120.7	118.8	0	+ 1.6
Education	62.2	61.5	61.1	+ 1.1	+ 1.8
Other	58.2	59.2	57.7	- 1.2	+ 1.4
Local	235.0	235.4	231.2	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Education	132.4	132.7	129.2	- 0.2	+ 2.5
Other	102.6	102.7	102.0	- 0.1	+ 0.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

OCTOBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1983	September 1983	October 1982	September 1983	October 1982
MANUFACTURING	641.4	637.5	615.6	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
DURABLE GOODS	230.8	228.9	216.6	+ 0.8	+ 6.6
Lumber & Wood Products	29.3	29.4	27.1	- 0.3	+ 8.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.3	7.2	6.6	+ 1.4	+ 10.6
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.7	3.7	2.7	0	+ 37.0
Furniture & Fixtures	73.9	73.0	70.3	+ 1.2	+ 5.1
Household Furniture	67.1	66.2	63.3	+ 1.4	+ 6.0
Wood Household Furniture	35.9	35.5	34.3	+ 1.1	+ 4.7
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	14.3	14.1	12.4	+ 1.4	+ 15.3
Structural Clay Products	1.8	1.8	1.4	0	+ 28.6
Primary Metal Industries	6.5	6.4	5.9	+ 1.6	+ 10.2
Fabricated Metal Products	17.0	17.1	17.4	- 0.6	- 2.3
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.3	26.0	25.3	+ 1.2	+ 4.0
Special Industry Machinery	4.5	4.4	4.3	+ 2.3	+ 4.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	38.3	37.8	35.9	+ 1.3	+ 6.7
Household Appliances	5.5	5.4	5.2	+ 1.9	+ 5.8
Transportation Equipment	13.3	13.2	11.2	+ 0.8	+ 18.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	410.6	408.6	399.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	29.2	29.4	29.4	- 0.7	- 0.7
Meat Products	14.7	14.4	14.5	+ 2.1	+ 1.4
Meat Packing	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 5.3
Dairy Products	1.5	1.6	1.5	- 6.2	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 2.3
Beverages	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.4	21.0	22.5	+ 1.9	- 4.9
Cigarettes	14.7	14.7	15.5	0	- 5.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	6.1	5.7	6.4	+ 7.0	- 4.7
Textile Mill Products	203.4	203.2	195.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	59.6	59.4	57.1	+ 0.3	+ 4.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.5	31.2	30.3	+ 1.0	+ 4.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.0	28.1	26.7	- 0.4	+ 4.9
Knitting Mills	67.9	67.9	64.2	0	+ 5.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.0	20.8	19.0	+ 1.0	+ 10.5
Hosiery, NEC	20.0	20.2	19.5	- 1.0	+ 2.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.7	13.5	12.7	+ 1.5	+ 7.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.7	5.7	5.2	0	+ 9.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.1	13.1	12.3	0	+ 6.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.8	51.8	51.1	0	+ 1.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.8	77.2	74.1	+ 0.8	+ 5.0
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	23.5	23.5	23.0	0	+ 2.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	38.0	37.7	36.1	+ 0.8	+ 5.3
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.6	16.5	+ 1.2	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.8	7.9	8.0	- 1.3	- 2.5
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.2	5.1	4.9	+ 2.0	+ 6.1
Printing & Publishing	12.9	12.6	12.8	+ 2.4	+ 0.8
Newspapers	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 6.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.7	23.4	22.7	+ 1.3	+ 4.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.6	9.5	9.3	+ 1.1	+ 3.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	20.8	20.6	20.2	+ 1.0	+ 3.0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.6	4.6	5.4	0	- 14.8

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

October, 1983

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	October 1983	September 1983	October 1982	October 1983	September 1983	October 1982	October 1983	September 1983	October 1982
MANUFACTURING	$275.78	$274.70	$246.02	41.1	41.0	38.5	$ 6.71	$ 6.70	$ 6.39
DURABLE GOODS	287.32	284.82	251.84	41.4	41.1	38.1	6.94	6.93	6.61
Lumber & Wood Products	237.89	238.05	212.85	41.3	41.4	38.7	5.76	5.75	5.50
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	236.02	231.28	198.01	41.7	41.3	36.2	5.66	5.60	5.47
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	275.37	276.81	240.79	41.1	41.5	38.1	6.70	6.67	6.32
Furniture & Fixtures	245.23	238.98	207.43	40.4	39.5	36.2	6.07	6.05	5.73
Household Furniture	245.63	239.79	205.98	40.6	39.7	36.2	6.05	6.04	5.69
Wood Household Furniture	239.78	231.60	203.68	41.2	40.0	37.1	5.82	5.79	5.49
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	316.50	316.92	291.51	42.2	42.2	40.6	7.50	7.51	7.18
Structural Clay Products	252.88	256.61	225.03	42.5	43.2	40.4	5.95	5.94	5.57
Primary Metal Industries	342.07	338.68	287.73	43.3	43.7	39.2	7.90	7.75	7.34
Fabricated Metal Products	319.40	304.88	279.82	42.7	41.2	39.3	7.48	7.40	7.12
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	335.86	341.23	308.07	42.3	42.6	39.7	7.94	8.01	7.76
Special Industry Machinery	312.17	302.58	271.81	42.3	41.0	38.5	7.38	7.38	7.06
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	332.22	329.80	294.53	42.0	41.8	38.5	7.91	7.89	7.65
Household Appliances	260.71	272.25	235.76	42.6	43.7	40.3	6.12	6.23	5.85
Transportation Equipment	316.23	321.06	278.82	41.5	42.3	38.3	7.62	7.59	7.28
NONDURABLE GOODS	269.53	269.37	243.04	40.9	41.0	38.7	6.59	6.57	6.28
Food & Kindred Products	252.32	255.23	233.23	40.5	41.1	39.8	6.23	6.21	5.86
Meat Products	210.76	209.82	191.90	38.6	39.0	38.0	5.46	5.38	5.05
Meat Packing	327.68	323.51	328.53	42.5	42.4	42.5	7.71	7.63	7.73
Dairy Products	253.86	263.16	247.21	42.1	43.0	41.9	6.03	6.12	5.90
Grain Mill Products	299.44	303.52	291.15	44.1	44.9	45.0	6.79	6.76	6.47
Bakery Products	273.24	276.81	263.53	41.4	41.5	41.5	6.60	6.67	6.35
Beverages	453.79	473.22	395.51	44.1	46.9	42.3	10.29	10.09	9.35
Tobacco Manufacturers	388.83	391.93	385.82	39.0	38.2	40.4	9.97	10.26	9.55
Cigarettes	474.35	478.75	467.06	38.1	38.3	38.6	12.45	12.50	12.10
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	187.46	175.26	193.09	41.2	38.1	44.8	4.55	4.60	4.31
Textile Mill Products	254.56	254.33	219.65	41.8	41.9	38.4	6.09	6.07	5.72
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	284.14	282.44	240.09	42.6	42.6	38.6	6.67	6.63	6.22
Weaving Mills, Cotton	285.05	282.44	237.84	42.8	42.6	38.3	6.66	6.63	6.21
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	282.14	282.01	241.96	42.3	42.6	38.9	6.67	6.62	6.22
Knitting Mills	223.34	226.73	203.52	39.6	40.2	37.9	5.64	5.64	5.37
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	200.03	211.58	189.44	37.6	39.4	47.0	5.32	5.37	5.12
Hosiery, NEC	209.44	211.46	198.44	38.5	38.8	37.3	5.44	5.45	5.32
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	266.98	261.99	234.72	43.2	42.6	40.4	6.18	6.15	5.81
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	268.18	267.84	218.82	42.5	43.2	36.9	6.31	6.20	5.93
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	271.13	271.15	241.40	42.9	42.7	40.3	6.32	6.35	5.99
Yarn & Thread Mills	250.69	247.35	208.03	43.0	42.5	38.1	5.83	5.82	5.46
Apparel & Other Textile Products	187.11	185.37	171.76	38.5	38.3	36.7	4.86	4.84	4.68
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	175.37	180.44	165.20	35.5	36.6	35.3	4.94	4.93	4.68
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	181.27	178.01	167.35	38.9	38.2	36.7	4.66	4.66	4.56
Paper & Allied Products	465.18	470.21	441.81	44.6	45.3	43.4	10.43	10.38	10.18
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	587.19	562.73	550.24	46.9	45.9	46.2	12.52	12.26	11.91
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	327.97	346.14	283.27	44.5	46.4	40.7	7.37	7.46	6.96
Printing & Publishing	283.12	296.82	272.42	37.8	38.8	38.1	7.49	7.65	7.15
Newspapers	262.48	264.11	257.13	34.0	34.3	34.7	7.72	7.70	7.41
Chemicals & Allied Products	368.21	367.33	343.85	41.7	41.6	40.5	8.83	8.83	8.49
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	416.99	413.22	380.66	42.9	42.6	40.8	9.72	9.70	9.33
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	364.59	355.61	308.44	43.3	43.0	38.7	8.42	8.27	7.97
MINING	300.12	281.74	279.19	41.0	38.7	41.3	7.32	7.28	6.76
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	430.35	427.04	402.05	41.3	41.5	40.9	10.42	10.29	9.83
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	192.86	194.69	196.65	33.6	33.8	34.2	5.74	5.76	5.75
Wholesale Trade	275.22	276.19	263.70	39.6	39.4	39.3	6.95	7.01	6.71
Retail Trade	166.74	168.64	168.00	31.7	32.0	32.0	5.26	5.27	5.25
General Merchandise Stores	145.74	147.14	144.29	30.3	30.4	30.7	4.81	4.84	4.70
Variety Stores	118.93	121.45	2/	31.8	32.3	2/	3.74	3.76	2/
Food Stores	190.57	192.40	183.28	32.3	32.5	31.6	5.90	5.92	5.80
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	123.49	121.25	125.42	29.9	29.5	31.2	4.13	4.11	4.02
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	171.72	167.65	164.97	35.7	35.0	35.1	4.81	4.79	4.70

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Information not available.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

NOVEMBER, 1983

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NORTH CAROLINA

STATE LABOR SUMMARY

November, 1983

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT DECREASES OVER THE MONTH: Total employment in the State experienced a noticeable decline of 16,600 people (-0.6 percent) from the middle of October to the middle of November, 1983. The November, 1983 estimate was 2,733,700. All three of the principal employment sectors sustained losses. The largest drop was seasonal in nature and occurred in agriculture (-14,500 or -21.9 percent). The "all other" nonagricultural sector fell by 1,100 (-0.4 percent) while the nonagricultural wage and salary sector lost 1,000 workers.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FALLS SLIGHTLY IN NOVEMBER: North Carolina's manufacturing employment recorded a small monthly decrease of 500 people (-0.1 percent) to fall to 800,900 in November, 1983. The durable goods segment, however, did experience an overall increase of 2,000 workers (+0.7 percent) as four of its industry groups enjoyed increases. Electrical machinery led the way in durable goods with a net over-the-month gain of 900 persons (+1.7 percent) due to general employment growth throughout the industry. Furniture and fixtures was next, rising by 700 workers (+0.8 percent) over the month due also to general employment gains. On the other hand, the nondurable goods segment suffered a net monthly loss of 2,500 persons (-0.5 percent) due primarily to the seasonal reduction of 2,500 workers (-9.7 percent) in tobacco manufacturing. The rest of the nondurable goods industry groups exhibited modest gains and losses which were offsetting.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT INCREASES MODERATELY: Nonmanufacturing employment in the State experienced a gain of 2,900 people (+0.2 percent) from mid-October, 1983, to mid-November, 1983. The November estimate stood at 1,612,900. Several of the industry groups displayed good net monthly growth: construction, +800; trade, +2,100; and government, +3,200. The only significant loss occurred in service and miscellaneous (-3,100) due for the most part to seasonal factors.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING CLIMB OVER THE YEAR: From November, 1982, to November, 1983, North Carolina's total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 62,000 workers (+2.6 percent). Manufacturing employment accounted for 30,000 of that increase as a number of its industry groups registered fine gains: furniture and fixtures, +4,200; textiles, +9,700; and apparel, +3,900. Nonmanufacturing employment surged ahead by 32,000 workers with all seven industry groups showing growth. The four largest were the following: construction, +3,600; trade, +11,500; service and miscellaneous, +7,600; and government, +6,400.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUSTAINS MONTHLY SURGE: North Carolina's total unemployment was estimated at 230,600 in mid-November, 1983 - a net monthly rise of 7,800 people (+3.5 percent). Consequently, the State's unadjusted rate of unemployment rose from 7.5 percent in October, 1983, to 7.8 percent in November, 1983. The unemployment situation was much worse one year ago (November, 1982) when 271,400 persons were out of work and the rate stood at 9.2 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 8.1 percent in November, 1983; 8.4 percent in October, 1983; and 10.4 percent in November, 1982. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 8.4 percent in November, 1983; 8.8 percent in October, 1983; and 10.7 percent in November of 1982.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

NOVEMBER, 1983

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	NOVEMBER 2/ 1983	OCTOBER 3/ 1983	NOVEMBER 1982	OCTOBER, 1983		NOVEMBER, 1982	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,964,300	2,973,100	2,946,100	- 8,800	- 0.3	+ 18,200	+ 0.6
Employment, Total	2,733,700	2,750,300	2,674,700	-16,600	- 0.6	+ 59,000	+ 2.2
Agricultural Employment	51,600	66,100	55,400	-14,500	-21.9	- 3,800	- 6.9
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,386,500	2,387,500	2,339,700	- 1,000	*	+ 46,800	+ 2.0
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	295,600	296,700	279,600	- 1,100	- 0.4	+ 16,000	+ 5.7
Unemployment, Total	230,600	222,800	271,400	+ 7,800	+ 3.5	- 40,800	- 15.0
State Unadjusted Rate	7.8	7.5	9.2	+ 0.3	XXX	- 1.4	XXX
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.1	8.4	10.4	- 0.3	XXX	- 2.3	XXX
(Seasonally Adjusted)	8.4	8.8	10.7	- 0.4	XXX	- 2.3	XXX

1/ All data revised to reflect 1982 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
* Less than 0.05 percent.

HOURLY EARNINGS INCREASE WHILE HOURS WORKED DECLINE: From mid-October to mid-November, 1983, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by 5¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) to $6.77. That figure represented an over-the-year gain of 32¢ an hour (+5.0 percent). The durable goods segment enjoyed a modest net monthly rise of 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) to average $6.98 in November, 1983. That was a net yearly increase of 31¢ an hour (+4.6 percent). Electrical machinery was the durable goods industry that registered the largest net over-the-month rise, climbing by 13¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) to reach $8.07. That was followed by transportation equipment, up by 8¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) for a November, 1983, average of $7.69. The nondurable goods segment exhibited a good net monthly increase of 7¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) to rise to $6.66 in November. That average was 33¢ an hour (+5.2 percent) above November of 1982. The nondurable goods category which experienced the largest net over-the-month growth was tobacco manufacturing, increasing by $1.77 an hour (+17.8 percent) to $11.70. This substantial increase was caused by the layoff of lower paid seasonal tobacco processing workers, thus causing the average of the regular factory workers to rise to the level of July, 1983, prior to the hiring of these seasonal workers. Paper and allied products experienced a net monthly increase of 11¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) for a November, 1983, level of $10.54. From the middle of October to the middle of November, 1983, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers inched forward by just 70¢ (+0.3 percent) to $276.22. However, the November, 1983, figure did represent a strong over-the-year gain of $26.60 (+10.7 percent). Average weekly hours were 40.8 in November, 1983, a drop of 0.2 of an hour since October but an increase of 2.1 hours since November, 1982.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX RISES SLIGHTLY: The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers edged upward to 303.1 in November, 1983, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That was an over-the-month gain of 0.2 percent plus an over-the-year increase of 3.2 percent. Small monthly increases were evident in several of the principal groups. The cost of medical care rose the most, up by 0.6 percent. Transportation and "other" goods and services followed, each climbing by 0.4 percent from October to November, 1983. Apparel and upkeep remained constant while food and beverages actually declined by 0.1 percent. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, was 33¢ in November, 1983.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS GROWS: As of November 30, 1983, there were 167,848 job applicants registed for work with the local Job Service offices across the State. That was a net gain of 4,641 applicants (+2.8 percent) since September 30, 1983. The largest active applicant sector by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine which had 103,176 or 61.5 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four year olds were a distant second with 28,600 or 17.0 percent. The smallest segment by age was fifty-five and over with 9,210 or 5.5 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females (85,654 or 51.0 percent). The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, which numbered 96,464 or 57.5 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of November 30, 1983.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

November 30, 1983

	Number	Percent
Total	167,848	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	26,862	16.0
22-39	103,176	61.5
40-54	28,600	17.0
55 and Over	9,210	5.5
Sex		
Male	82,194	49.0
Female	85,654	51.0
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	96,464	57.5
Black, not Hispanic	67,428	40.2
Hispanic	1,069	0.6
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,022	1.2
Other Races and Undetermined	865	0.5
Eligible Claimant	69,127	41.2
Veteran	26,047	15.5
Handicapped	10,448	6.2
Welfare	18,464	11.0
Seasonal Farmworker	2,813	1.7

NUMEROUS JOB OPENINGS AVAILABLE: During October and November, 1983, 38,332 job openings were received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. Most of those jobs were filled (32,333 or 84.3 percent). Farming, fishing, and forestry was the occupational group with the largest number of job openings received, 9,112. Just about all of those were filled (8,888 or 97.5 percent). The service category followed with 5,198 job openings received and 4,153 or 79.9 percent filled. Structural work was a fairly close third with 4,617 job openings received and 3,701 or 80.2 percent filled. The category with the smallest number of job openings received was professional, technical, and managerial with 1,398. Only 42.0 percent (587) became filled. There were 9,868 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of November 30, 1983. A large percentage of those (63.6 percent or 6,278) were classified as hard-to-fill because they have been open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on the State's job openings as of November 30, 1983.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of November 30, 1983	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	1,398	587	965	572
Clerical	3,855	2,736	1,240	663
Sales	1,858	1,347	682	439
Service	5,198	4,153	1,615	982
Domestic	488	436	51	37
Other Services	4,710	3,717	1,564	945
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	9,112	8,888	176	63
Processing	1,501	1,432	480	396
Machine Trades	2,784	2,182	1,066	698
Bench Work	3,433	3,142	1,416	1,117
Structural Work	4,617	3,701	1,383	819
Miscellaneous	4,576	4,165	845	529
Motor Freight & Trans.	892	647	240	124
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	3,543	3,418	553	375
Other	141	100	52	30
Total	38,332	32,333	9,868	6,278

1/ October 1, 1983, through November 30, 1983.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

NOVEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1983 (thous.)	October 1983 (thous.)	November 1982 (thous.)	October 1983	November 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,413.8	2,411.4	2,351.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
MANUFACTURING	800.9	801.4	770.9	- 0.1	+ 3.9
DURABLE GOODS	304.4	302.4	288.2	+ 0.7	+ 5.6
Lumber & Wood Products	33.8	33.8	31.2	-0-	+ 8.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.2	11.6	- 0.8	+ 4.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.3	8.3	7.5	-0-	+ 10.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.1	4.3	3.1	- 4.7	+ 32.3
Furniture & Fixtures	83.5	82.8	79.3	+ 0.8	+ 5.3
Household Furniture	74.8	74.3	70.5	+ 0.7	+ 6.1
Wood Household Furniture	39.1	38.9	37.1	+ 0.5	+ 5.4
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.7	30.5	28.7	+ 0.7	+ 7.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.6	17.6	15.6	-0-	+ 12.8
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.3	1.8	- 4.3	+ 22.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.2	-0-	+ 14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.9	8.1	-0-	+ 9.9
Fabricated Metal Products	23.4	23.4	24.0	-0-	- 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.0	9.1	10.1	- 1.1	- 10.9
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	51.6	51.2	49.8	+ 0.8	+ 3.6
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	6.9	6.5	+ 1.4	+ 7.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	54.3	53.4	51.5	+ 1.7	+ 5.4
Household Appliances	6.1	6.1	5.7	-0-	+ 7.0
Transportation Equipment	16.6	16.4	14.7	+ 1.2	+ 12.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.7	14.9	14.0	- 1.3	+ 5.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	496.5	499.0	482.7	- 0.5	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	43.2	43.4	42.9	- 0.5	+ 0.7
Meat Products	16.9	17.1	16.9	- 1.2	-0-
Meat Packing Plants	2.8	2.8	2.7	-0-	+ 3.7
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	-0-	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	-0-	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.8	-0-	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.6	6.6	6.5	-0-	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.4	25.9	24.8	- 9.7	- 5.6
Cigarettes	18.7	18.3	19.7	+ 2.2	- 5.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	6.9	4.4	-42.0	- 9.1
Textile Mill Products	228.1	228.1	218.4	-0-	+ 4.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.7	65.5	63.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.8	34.6	34.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.7	30.7	29.1	-0-	+ 5.5
Knitting Mills	77.7	77.6	72.5	+ 0.1	+ 7.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.2	24.0	21.7	+ 0.8	+ 11.5
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.7	21.2	- 0.5	+ 1.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.1	16.0	14.9	+ 0.6	+ 8.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.7	6.6	5.4	+ 1.5	+ 24.1
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.5	15.5	14.7	-0-	+ 5.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.1	56.4	55.0	- 0.5	+ 2.0

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

NOVEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT November 1983 (thous.)	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT October 1983 (thous.)	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT November 1982 (thous.)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: October 1983	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: November 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.3	90.2	86.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.5
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.6	27.5	27.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	44.1	43.9	41.8	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
Paper & Allied Products	21.6	22.0	21.6	- 1.8	-0-
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.7	10.8	- 3.7	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.7	6.6	6.3	+ 1.5	+ 6.3
Printing & Publishing	21.8	21.6	21.3	+ 0.9	+ 2.3
Newspapers	8.7	8.7	8.3	-0-	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.2	36.1	35.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.6	13.5	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.5	26.3	25.5	+ 0.8	+ 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.4	5.4	6.2	-0-	- 12.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1,612.9	1,610.0	1,580.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
MINING	4.9	4.9	4.6	-0-	+ 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	107.1	106.3	103.5	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	116.3	116.4	115.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	57.2	57.3	56.3	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.8	53.7	54.2	+ 0.2	- 0.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	495.3	493.2	483.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade	128.0	129.1	127.1	- 0.9	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.5	74.0	72.0	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	53.5	55.1	55.1	- 2.9	- 2.9
Retail Trade	367.3	364.1	356.7	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
General Merchandise Stores	57.4	54.7	54.9	+ 4.9	+ 4.6
Variety Stores	14.6	14.2	13.0	+ 2.8	+ 12.3
Food Stores	60.0	60.0	58.4	-0-	+ 2.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.2	100.2	98.0	-0-	+ 2.2
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	370.0	373.1	362.4	- 0.8	+ 2.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.5	21.8	19.5	- 1.4	+ 10.3
Personal Services	23.0	23.1	22.6	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.1	10.1	- 1.0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	419.1	415.9	412.7	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Federal	49.6	49.5	48.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
State	127.5	125.3	125.9	+ 1.8	+ 1.3
Education	69.0	66.9	68.5	+ 3.1	+ 0.7
Other	58.5	58.4	57.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Local	242.0	241.1	238.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Education	140.3	139.8	136.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Other	101.7	101.3	101.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November, 1983

(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1983 (Thous)	October 1983 (Thous)	November 1982 (Thous)	October 1983	November 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,390.0	2,386.9	2,327.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	795.7	796.5	765.4	− 0.1	+ 4.0
DURABLE GOODS	302.4	301.3	286.1	+ 0.4	+ 5.7
Lumber & Wood Products	33.6	33.6	31.0	0	+ 8.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.3	11.6	− 1.6	+ 4.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.3	8.3	7.5	0	+10.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.1	4.2	3.1	− 2.4	+32.3
Furniture & Fixtures	82.8	82.6	78.6	+ 0.2	+ 5.3
Household Furniture	74.2	74.1	69.9	+ 0.1	+ 6.2
Wood Household Furniture	38.7	38.7	36.7	0	+ 5.4
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.6	30.5	28.6	+ 0.3	+ 7.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.5	17.6	15.5	− 0.6	+12.9
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.3	1.8	− 4.3	+22.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.9	8.1	0	+10.0
Fabricated Metal Products	23.1	23.2	23.6	− 0.4	− 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.8	9.0	9.9	− 2.2	−11.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	51.4	51.4	49.6	0	+ 3.6
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	6.9	6.5	+ 1.4	+ 7.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	53.9	52.8	51.1	+ 2.1	+ 5.5
Household Appliances	5.7	5.6	5.3	+ 1.8	+ 7.5
Transportation Equipment	16.6	16.4	14.7	+ 1.2	+12.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.6	14.8	13.9	− 1.4	+ 5.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.3	495.2	479.3	− 0.4	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	42.9	42.9	42.6	0	+ 0.7
Meat Products	16.8	17.1	16.8	− 1.8	0
Meat Packing Plants	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 3.7
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	− 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	− 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.7	6.7	6.6	0	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.4	23.0	22.7	− 7.0	− 5.7
Cigarettes	18.7	18.5	19.7	+ 1.1	− 5.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	4.0	2.9	0	+37.9
Textile Mill Products	227.9	228.1	218.1	− 0.1	+ 4.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.4	65.8	63.1	− 0.6	+ 3.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.6	34.8	33.9	− 0.6	+ 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.5	30.8	28.9	− 1.0	+ 5.5
Knitting Mills	77.9	77.9	72.7	0	+ 7.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.2	24.1	21.7	+ 0.4	+11.5
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.7	21.2	− 0.5	+ 1.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.1	16.1	14.9	0	+ 8.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.7	5.5	+ 1.5	+23.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.4	15.3	14.6	+ 0.7	+ 5.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.0	56.1	54.9	− 0.2	+ 2.0

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November, 1983

(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1983 (Thous)	October 1983 (Thous)	November 1982 (Thous)	October 1983	November 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.5	89.5	85.6	0	+ 4.6
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.3	27.4	26.9	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	43.9	43.7	41.6	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
Paper & Allied Products	21.6	22.0	21.6	- 1.8	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.7	6.3	- 3.7	+63.5
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.7	6.6	8.3	+ 1.5	-19.3
Printing & Publishing	21.7	21.7	21.2	0	+ 2.4
Newspapers	8.7	8.7	8.3	0	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.4	36.4	35.8	0	+ 1.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.7	13.5	0	+ 1.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.4	26.1	25.4	+ 1.1	+ 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.5	5.5	6.3	0	-12.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,594.3	1,590.4	1,562.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
MINING	4.9	4.9	4.6	0	+ 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	105.7	104.4	102.1	+ 1.2	+ 3.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.5	115.7	115.0	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	56.2	56.3	55.3	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.1	53.9	54.4	+ 0.4	- 0.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	487.6	486.7	476.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade	126.8	125.8	125.9	+ 0.8	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.4	74.0	71.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.4	51.8	54.0	+ 1.2	- 3.0
Retail Trade	360.8	360.9	350.2	- 0.03	+ 3.0
General Merchandise Stores	54.4	54.6	52.0	- 0.4	+ 4.6
Variety Stores	13.9	14.0	12.3	- 0.7	+13.0
Food Stores	59.6	59.5	58.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.7	100.7	98.4	0	+ 2.3
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	372.6	371.2	364.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.3	21.2	20.2	+ 5.2	+10.4
Personal Services	23.4	23.5	22.9	- 0.4	+ 2.2
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	10.1	10.0	- 2.0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	407.3	406.8	401.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Federal	50.3	49.9	49.5	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
State	121.5	121.4	119.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Education	62.3	62.9	61.9	- 1.0	+ 0.6
Other	59.2	58.5	58.0	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
Local	235.5	235.5	231.7	0	+ 1.6
Education	132.9	133.0	129.7	- 0.1	+ 2.5
Other	102.6	102.5	102.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November, 1983

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1983	October 1983	November 1982	October 1983	November 1982
MANUFACTURING	641.6	642.5	611.7	- 0.1	+ 4.9
DURABLE GOODS	232.7	230.9	216.9	+ 0.8	+ 7.3
Lumber & Wood Products	29.4	29.3	26.9	+ 0.3	+ 9.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.4	7.3	6.6	+ 1.4	+ 12.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.6	3.7	2.6	- 2.7	+ 38.5
Furniture & Fixtures	74.7	74.0	70.2	+ 0.9	+ 6.4
Household Furniture	67.6	67.1	63.1	+ 0.7	+ 7.1
Wood Household Furniture	36.2	35.9	34.1	+ 0.8	+ 6.2
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	14.3	14.3	12.4	0	+ 15.3
Structural Clay Products	1.7	1.8	1.4	- 5.6	+ 21.4
Primary Metal Industries	6.5	6.5	5.7	0	+ 14.0
Fabricated Metal Products	17.1	17.0	17.5	+ 0.6	- 2.3
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.7	26.4	25.6	+ 1.1	+ 4.3
Special Industry Machinery	4.7	4.6	4.2	+ 2.2	+ 11.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	39.0	38.3	36.2	+ 1.8	+ 7.7
Household Appliances	5.4	5.5	5.1	- 1.8	+ 5.9
Transportation Equipment	13.4	13.3	11.6	+ 0.8	+ 15.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.9	411.6	394.8	- 0.7	+ 3.6
Food & Kindred Products	29.3	29.6	29.2	- 1.0	+ 0.3
Meat Products	14.5	14.7	14.5	- 1.4	0
Meat Packing	2.1	2.0	2.0	+ 5.0	+ 5.0
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.8	21.4	20.3	- 12.1	- 7.4
Cigarettes	15.1	14.7	15.9	+ 2.7	- 5.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.2	6.1	3.8	- 47.5	- 15.8
Textile Mill Products	203.9	203.9	193.4	0	+ 5.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	59.9	59.7	56.6	+ 0.3	+ 5.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.6	31.4	30.3	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.1	28.1	26.1	0	+ 7.7
Knitting Mills	68.2	68.1	63.3	+ 0.1	+ 7.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.3	21.2	19.1	+ 0.5	+ 11.5
Hosiery, NEC	19.9	20.0	19.6	- 0.5	+ 1.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.7	13.7	12.7	0	+ 7.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.7	5.7	4.4	0	+ 29.5
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.1	13.1	12.4	0	+ 5.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.7	52.0	50.6	- 0.6	+ 2.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.2	78.1	74.6	+ 0.1	+ 4.8
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	23.7	23.6	23.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	38.2	38.1	36.0	+ 0.3	+ 6.1
Paper & Allied Products	16.4	16.7	16.4	- 1.8	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.5	7.9	7.9	- 5.1	- 5.1
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.2	5.2	4.8	0	+ 8.3
Printing & Publishing	13.1	12.9	12.9	+ 1.6	+ 1.6
Newspapers	3.4	3.3	3.1	+ 3.0	+ 9.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.6	23.6	22.7	0	+ 4.0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.7	9.6	9.1	+ 1.0	+ 6.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	21.0	20.8	20.0	+ 1.0	+ 5.0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.6	4.6	5.3	0	- 13.2

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

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ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

NOVEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	November 1983	October 1983	November 1982	November 1983	October 1983	November 1982	November 1983	October 1983	November 1982
MANUFACTURING	$ 276.22	$ 275.52	$ 249.62	40.8	41.0	38.7	$ 6.77	$ 6.72	$ 6.45
DURABLE GOODS	287.58	287.04	256.80	41.2	41.3	38.5	6.98	6.95	6.67
Lumber & Wood Products	238.14	236.74	214.82	41.2	41.1	39.2	5.78	5.76	5.48
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	234.48	236.74	205.52	41.5	42.2	37.3	5.65	5.61	5.51
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	273.62	273.64	227.91	40.9	40.6	36.7	6.69	6.74	6.21
Furniture & Fixtures	242.19	243.81	211.55	39.9	40.1	36.6	6.07	6.08	5.78
Household Furniture	241.00	244.22	208.42	39.9	40.3	36.5	6.04	6.06	5.71
Wood Household Furniture	237.86	238.21	208.66	40.8	41.0	37.8	5.83	5.81	5.52
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	314.67	316.92	293.54	41.9	42.2	40.6	7.51	7.51	7.23
Structural Clay Products	253.70	252.88	230.57	43.0	42.5	41.1	5.90	5.95	5.61
Primary Metal Industries	336.26	342.50	301.18	43.0	43.3	40.7	7.82	7.91	7.40
Fabricated Metal Products	310.25	319.82	295.65	41.7	42.7	40.5	7.44	7.49	7.30
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	335.12	336.71	304.20	42.1	42.3	39.1	7.96	7.96	7.78
Special Industry Machinery	305.12	310.70	274.12	41.4	42.1	38.5	7.37	7.38	7.12
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	340.55	332.69	304.18	42.2	41.9	39.3	8.07	7.94	7.74
Household Appliances	256.06	260.71	245.50	41.3	42.6	41.4	6.20	6.12	5.93
Transportation Equipment	317.60	316.58	290.16	41.3	41.6	39.0	7.69	7.61	7.44
NONDURABLE GOODS	270.40	268.87	245.60	40.6	40.8	38.8	6.66	6.59	6.33
Food & Kindred Products	246.31	250.48	235.61	39.6	40.4	39.4	6.22	6.20	5.98
Meat Products	203.63	206.98	197.63	37.5	38.4	38.3	5.43	5.39	5.16
Meat Packing	361.71	314.57	347.16	44.6	40.8	44.0	8.11	7.71	7.89
Dairy Products	248.81	254.10	250.43	41.4	42.0	41.6	6.01	6.05	6.02
Grain Mill Products	297.20	307.78	288.00	43.9	44.8	45.0	6.77	6.87	6.40
Bakery Products	270.27	274.56	269.44	41.2	41.6	42.1	6.56	6.60	6.40
Beverages	438.18	449.82	400.87	42.5	44.1	42.6	10.31	10.20	9.41
Tobacco Manufacturers	483.21	389.26	416.23	41.3	39.2	38.9	11.70	9.93	10.70
Cigarettes	553.78	474.35	479.07	42.5	38.1	39.3	13.03	12.45	12.19
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	172.79	190.68	164.19	36.3	42.0	37.4	4.76	4.54	4.39
Textile Mill Products	249.89	252.74	223.49	41.1	41.5	38.8	6.08	6.09	5.76
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	275.56	281.47	245.86	41.5	42.2	39.4	6.64	6.67	6.24
Weaving Mills, Cotton	267.71	280.06	245.46	40.5	41.8	39.4	6.61	6.70	6.23
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	284.38	282.86	245.23	42.7	42.6	39.3	6.66	6.64	6.24
Knitting Mills	223.74	223.74	203.96	39.6	39.6	37.7	5.65	5.65	5.41
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	204.29	202.92	192.24	38.4	38.0	37.4	5.32	5.34	5.14
Hosiery, NEC	213.95	209.28	197.95	38.9	38.4	37.0	5.50	5.45	5.35
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	256.87	261.61	234.04	41.7	42.4	39.6	6.16	6.17	5.91
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	267.54	268.38	222.23	42.4	42.6	37.1	6.31	6.30	5.99
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	269.45	271.56	248.88	42.3	42.9	40.8	6.37	6.33	6.10
Yarn & Thread Mills	246.45	248.20	214.01	42.2	42.5	38.7	5.84	5.84	5.53
Apparel & Other Textile Products	186.62	185.76	175.58	38.4	38.3	37.2	4.86	4.85	4.72
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	184.26	177.97	175.63	37.0	36.1	36.6	4.98	4.93	4.80
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	179.80	179.03	168.09	38.5	38.5	36.7	4.67	4.65	4.58
Paper & Allied Products	463.76	468.31	435.01	44.0	44.9	42.9	10.54	10.43	10.14
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	574.27	587.19	536.81	44.9	46.9	45.3	12.79	12.52	11.85
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	333.31	338.35	296.90	44.8	45.6	41.7	7.44	7.42	7.12
Printing & Publishing	284.21	283.11	271.93	38.2	37.9	38.3	7.44	7.47	7.10
Newspapers	268.23	264.88	258.26	34.7	34.4	34.9	7.73	7.70	7.40
Chemicals & Allied Products	370.18	366.33	343.44	41.5	41.3	40.5	8.92	8.87	8.48
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	414.38	416.99	392.60	42.5	42.9	41.9	9.75	9.72	9.37
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	361.65	365.49	304.94	42.9	43.1	38.6	8.43	8.48	7.90
MINING	302.58	301.58	280.06	41.0	41.2	41.8	7.38	7.32	6.70
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	453.46	437.96	406.96	42.3	41.2	41.4	10.72	10.63	9.83
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	191.56	191.61	194.11	33.2	33.3	33.7	5.77	5.76	5.76
Wholesale Trade	277.46	274.25	262.86	39.3	38.9	39.0	7.06	7.05	6.74
Retail Trade	164.95	165.38	165.69	31.3	31.5	31.5	5.27	5.25	5.26
General Merchandise Stores	141.71	144.60	141.36	29.4	30.0	30.4	4.82	4.82	4.65
Variety Stores	116.18	119.19	2/	31.4	31.7	2/	3.70	3.76	2/
Food Stores	185.49	186.62	184.59	31.6	31.9	31.5	5.87	5.85	5.86
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	123.82	124.53	121.18	30.2	30.3	29.7	4.10	4.11	4.08
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	170.15	171.82	165.55	35.3	35.5	35.0	4.82	4.84	4.73

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Information not available.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

DECEMBER, 1983

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
December, 1983

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS SMALL MONTHLY GAIN: As of mid-December, 1983, North Carolina's total employment was estimated to be 2,735,600 - a net over-the-month increase of 2,900 workers (+0.1 percent). The reason for that modest growth was the addition of 15,300 people (+0.6 percent) to nonagricultural wage and salary employment. However, that was partially offset by the anticipated seasonal loss of 8,800 persons (-17.1 percent) in agriculture plus the reduction of 3,600 workers (-1.2 percent) in the "all other" nonagricultural employment segment.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT REGISTERS NOMINAL INCREASE: Manufacturing employment in the State rose to 801,500 by the middle of December, 1983, a net monthly gain of 800 workers (+0.1 percent). The durable goods sector added 1,600 people (+0.5 percent) as two industry groups in particular exhibited good growth. Furniture and fixtures experienced a net monthly increase of 800 persons (+1.0 percent) due in part to seasonal factors and to a general increase in business. Nonelectrical machinery also advanced by 800 workers (+1.6 percent) due mainly to hiring by a major company. Unfortunately, the nondurable goods sector sustained a net over-the-month decline of 800 workers (-0.2 percent). The tobacco industry displayed the largest drop, a seasonal downturn of 1,100 workers (-4.6 percent). The largest net monthly gain in nondurables occurred in textiles, which rose by 700 persons (+0.3 percent).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES GROWTH: From the middle of November to the middle of December, 1983, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment showed an increase of 3,300 workers (+0.2 percent) to reach a December level of 1,615,300. The expected seasonal gain of 6,300 workers (+1.3 percent) in trade due to the Christmas period was the principal reason for the growth in nonmanufacturing. Two industries sustained significant losses, however. Service and miscellaneous fell by 1,500 (-0.4 percent) while government declined by 1,300 (-0.3 percent). Both decreases were primarily seasonal in nature.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FAR AHEAD OF LAST YEAR: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the State has grown by 64,400 persons (+2.7 percent) from December, 1982, to December, 1983. Manufacturing has surged ahead by 31,200 (+4.1 percent) as many of its industry groups enjoyed impressive increases: furniture and fixtures, +4,300; electrical machinery, +3,800; textiles, +8,900; and apparel, +4,300. Nonmanufacturing employment was 33,200 (+2.1 percent) above one year ago with every industry group registering growth. These were the four largest: trade, +14,000; service and miscellaneous, +6,600; government, +5,200; and construction, +4,300.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES OVER THE MONTH: From the middle of November to the middle of December, 1983, the State's total unemployment fell to 216,200. That was a net monthly decline of 14,300 persons (-6.2 percent). As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment in North Carolina decreased from 7.8 percent in November, 1983, to 7.3 percent in December, 1983. In December 1982, there was 261,200 jobless people and the unemployment rate was 8.9 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 8.0 percent in December, 1983, 8.1 percent in November, 1983, and 10.4 percent in December, 1982. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 8.2 percent in December, 1983, 8.4 percent in November, 1983, and 10.8 percent in December of 1982.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

December, 1983

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	December 2/ 1983	November 3/ 1983	December 1982	November, 1983		December, 1982	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,951,800	2,963,200	2,926,500	- 11,400	- 0.4	+ 25,300	+ 0.9
Employment, Total	2,735,600	2,732,700	2,665,300	+ 2,900	+ 0.1	+ 70,300	+ 2.6
Agricultural Employment	42,800	51,600	46,000	- 8,800	-17.1	- 3,200	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,401,000	2,385,700	2,342,200	+ 15,300	+ 0.6	+ 58,800	+ 2.5
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	291,800	295,400	277,100	- 3,600	- 1.2	+ 14,700	+ 5.3
Unemployment, Total	216,200	230,500	261,200	- 14,300	- 6.2	- 45,000	-17.2
State Unadjusted Rate	7.3	7.8	8.9	- 0.5	XXX	- 1.6	XXX
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.0	8.1	10.4	- 0.1	XXX	- 2.4	XXX
(Seasonally Adjusted)	8.2	8.4	10.8	- 0.2	XXX	- 2.6	XXX

1/ All data revised to reflect 1982 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

HOURLY EARNINGS UP WHILE HOURS WORKED DOWN: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers increased by 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) from mid-November ($6.80) to mid-December, 1983 ($6.83). Since December, 1982, the average has increased by 28¢ an hour (+4.3 percent). The durable goods sector experienced a net over-the-month gain of 7¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to reach $7.09 in December, 1983. That figure represented net over-the-year growth of 32¢ an hour (+4.7 percent). The durable goods industry group which recorded the largest net monthly increase was primary metals, up by 24¢ an hour (+3.1 percent) to $8.04 in December. Fabricated metals and nonelectrical machinery were next, both rising by 11¢ an hour over the month. The nondurable goods sector remained constant at $6.67 over the month but did show a modest net yearly gain of 24¢ an hour (+3.7 percent). Paper and allied products led the way in nondurables with a net monthly surge of 16¢ an hour (+1.5 percent) to arrive at $10.63 in December, 1983. Food and kindred products followed with a net over-the-month increase of 13¢ an hour (+2.1 percent) to $6.37. Hourly earnings in tobacco manufacturing dropped by 26¢ over the month due to seasonal factors. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees grew by 55¢ (+0.2 percent) to $279.35 from mid-November to mid-December, 1983. That was a net yearly increase of $24.55 (+9.6 percent). Average weekly hours stood at 40.9 in December, 1983, down by 0.1 of an hour over the month but up by 2.0 hours over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX EDGES UPWARD: According to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 303.5 in December, 1983 - a monthly increase of 0.1 percent and a yearly gain of 3.8 percent. The largest over-the-month jumps occurred in food and beverages and medical care, the cost of each climbing by 0.4 percent. Both transportation and entertainment remained constant over the month. The cost of apparel and upkeep registered a significant drop, falling by 0.7 percent. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $303.50 in December, 1983.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS DECLINES: There were 154,027 job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of December 31, 1983. That was a net monthly decrease of 13,821 applicants (-8.2 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine age group was the largest applicant segment with 94,609 or 61.4 percent of the total. That was followed by the forty to fifty-four year olds who numbered 26,895 or 17.5 percent. As expected, the fifty-five and over sector had the fewest applicants with 8,900 or just 5.8 percent of the total. Males comprised 50.1 percent of the total with a count of 77,238. White, not Hispanic, was the largest ethnic group with 88,718 or 57.7 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of December 31, 1983.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

December 31, 1983

	Number	Percent
Total	154,027	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	23,623	15.3
22-39	94,609	61.4
40-54	26,895	17.5
55 and Over	8,900	5.8
Sex		
Male	77,238	50.1
Female	76,789	49.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	88,718	57.7
Black, not Hispanic	61,925	40.2
Hispanic	673	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,907	1.2
Other Races and Undetermined	804	0.5
Eligible Claimant	69,259	45.0
Veteran	26,189	17.0
Handicapped	9,880	6.4
Welfare	17,842	11.6
Seasonal Farmworker	1,799	1.2

MANY JOB OPENINGS ON FILE: There were 12,482 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State during the month of December, 1983. The vast majority of these jobs was filled (10,172 or 81.5 percent). The occupation which had the largest number of job openings received in December was structural work with 1,981. A good percentage of those was filled (76.0 percent or 1,505). The service category was a close second with 1,866 job openings received and 1,462 or 78.3 percent filled. Clerical work followed with 1,732 job openings received and 1,057 or 61.0 percent filled. Processing was the category with the fewest job openings received in December, 405. However, all of those were filled. From October 1, 1983, through December 31, 1983, 50,814 job openings were received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina with a high percentage (83.6 percent or 42,505) having been filled. As of December 31, 1983, there were 9,036 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. Most of those jobs (5,655 or 62.6 percent) have been open for thirty days or more and were classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings for December, 1983, and for the fiscal year to date.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	December, 1983		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Dec. 31, 1983	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	808	412	2,206	999	1,014	631
Clerical	1,732	1,057	5,587	3,793	1,321	624
Sales	635	497	2,493	1,844	542	375
Service	1,866	1,462	7,064	5,615	1,495	995
Domestic	225	201	713	637	45	32
Other Services	1,641	1,261	6,351	4,978	1,450	963
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	1,167	1,288	10,279	10,176	115	58
Processing	405	405	1,906	1,837	355	276
Machine Trades	941	736	3,725	2,918	935	634
Bench Work	1,390	1,342	4,823	4,484	1,202	857
Structural Work	1,981	1,505	6,598	5,206	1,369	766
Miscellaneous	1,557	1,468	6,133	5,633	688	439
Motor Freight & Transp.	347	267	1,239	914	225	136
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	1,163	1,174	4,706	4,592	412	269
Other	47	27	188	127	51	34
Total	12,482	10,172	50,814	42,505	9,036	5,655

1/ October 1, 1983, through December 31, 1983.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

DECEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1983 (Thous.)	November 1983 (Thous.)	December 1982 (Thous.)	November 1983	December 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2416.8	2412.7	2352.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	801.5	800.7	770.3	+ 0.1	+ 4.1
DURABLE GOODS	305.8	304.2	288.0	+ 0.5	+ 6.2
Lumber & Wood Products	33.3	33.7	31.3	- 1.2	+ 6.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.1	11.5	0	+ 5.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.4	8.4	7.6	0	+ 10.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.9	4.1	3.2	- 4.9	+ 21.9
Furniture & Fixtures	84.2	83.4	79.9	+ 1.0	+ 5.4
Household Furniture	75.3	74.7	71.3	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
Wood Household Furniture	39.1	39.0	37.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.9	30.8	29.0	+ 0.3	+ 6.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.6	17.6	15.4	0	+ 14.3
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	1.8	0	+ 22.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+ 14.3
Primary Metal Industries	9.0	8.9	8.1	+ 1.1	+ 11.1
Fabricated Metal Products	23.1	23.3	23.7	- 0.9	- 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.8	9.0	10.0	- 2.2	- 12.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.4	51.6	50.2	+ 1.6	+ 4.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	7.0	6.6	0	+ 6.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	54.7	54.3	50.9	+ 0.7	+ 7.5
Household Appliances	6.1	6.1	5.1	0	+ 19.6
Transportation Equipment	16.8	16.6	14.6	+ 1.2	+ 15.1
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.7	14.8	13.9	- 0.7	+ 5.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	495.7	496.5	482.3	- 0.2	+ 2.8
Food & Kindred Products	42.5	43.2	42.5	- 1.6	0
Meat Products	17.0	16.9	16.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 3.6	- 3.6
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.6	6.6	6.5	-	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.6	23.7	24.7	- 4.6	- 8.5
Cigarettes	18.5	18.7	19.9	- 1.1	- 7.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.5	4.3	4.2	- 18.6	- 16.7
Textile Mill Products	228.4	227.7	219.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.5	65.3	64.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.8	34.7	34.1	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.5	30.3	29.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
Knitting Mills	77.8	77.9	72.6	0.1	+ 7.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.6	24.3	21.7	+ 1.2	+ 13.4
Hosiery, NEC	21.4	21.7	20.7	- 1.4	+ 3.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.9	16.0	15.0	- 0.6	+ 6.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.7	6.7	6.0	0	+ 11.7
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.6	15.4	14.8	+ 1.3	+ 5.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.5	56.1	55.1	+ 0.7	+ 2.5

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

DECEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1983 (Thous.)	November 1983 (Thous.)	December 1982 (Thous.)	November 1983	December 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.7	90.4	85.4	- 0.8	+ 5.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.2	27.7	26.7	- 1.8	+ 1.9
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	43.8	44.1	41.3	- 0.7	+ 6.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	21.6	21.9	+ 1.9	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.3	11.0	+ 4.9	- 1.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.7	6.7	6.3	0	+ 6.3
Printing & Publishing	22.3	21.9	21.6	+ 1.8	+ 3.2
Newspapers	8.8	8.7	8.4	+ 1.1	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.1	36.0	35.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.6	13.8	13.6	- 1.4	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.7	26.6	25.3	+ 0.4	+ 5.5
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.4	5.4	5.8	0	- 6.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1615.3	1612.0	1582.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
MINING	4.8	4.9	4.5	- 2.0	+ 6.7
CONSTRUCTION	106.8	107.1	102.5	- 0.3	+ 4.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.7	115.7	115.4	0	+ 0.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	56.5	56.7	55.8	- 0.4	+ 1.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.8	53.7	54.2	+ 0.2	- 0.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	501.6	495.3	487.6	+ 1.3	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade	126.1	127.9	124.8	- 1.4	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.4	74.5	71.8	- 0.1	+ 3.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51.7	53.4	53.0	- 3.2	- 2.5
Retail Trade	375.5	367.4	362.8	+ 2.2	+ 3.5
General Merchandise Stores	62.5	57.4	59.2	+ 8.9	+ 5.6
Variety Stores	15.3	14.6	13.7	+ 4.8	+ 11.7
Food Stores	60.6	60.0	58.6	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.4	100.2	97.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	368.3	369.8	361.7	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	20.1	21.1	19.0	- 4.7	+ 5.8
Personal Services	23.4	23.2	22.5	+ 0.9	+ 4.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.0	10.1	0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	417.7	419.0	412.5	- 0.3	+ 1.3
Federal	49.6	49.7	49.0	- 0.2	+ 1.2
State	126.7	127.1	125.9	- 0.3	+ 0.6
Education	69.0	69.0	68.4	0	+ 0.9
Other	57.7	58.1	57.5	- 0.7	+ 0.3
Local	241.4	242.2	237.6	- 0.3	+ 1.6
Education	140.6	140.5	137.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Other	100.8	101.7	100.6	- 0.9	+ 0.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1983
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1983 (thous.)	November 1983 (thous.)	December 1982 (thous.)	November 1983	December 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,395.2	2,388.7	2,331.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	799.0	795.5	768.0	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
DURABLE GOODS	303.7	302.2	286.1	+ 0.5	+ 6.2
Lumber & Wood Products	33.2	33.5	31.3	- 0.9	+ 6.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.1	11.5	0	+ 5.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.4	8.4	7.6	0	+ 10.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.9	4.1	3.2	- 4.9	+ 21.9
Furniture & Fixtures	83.1	82.7	78.9	+ 0.5	+ 5.3
Household Furniture	74.3	74.1	70.3	+ 0.3	+ 5.7
Wood Household Furniture	38.6	38.6	37.0	0	+ 4.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.6	30.7	28.7	- 0.3	+ 6.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.6	17.5	15.4	+ 0.6	+ 14.3
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	1.8	0	+ 22.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+ 14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.9	8.0	0	+ 11.2
Fabricated Metal Products	22.7	23.0	23.3	- 1.3	- 2.6
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.7	8.8	9.9	- 1.1	- 12.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.0	51.4	49.8	+ 1.2	+ 4.4
Special Industry Machinery	6.9	7.0	6.5	- 1.4	+ 6.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	54.7	53.9	50.9	+ 1.5	+ 7.5
Household Appliances	6.1	5.7	5.1	+ 7.0	+ 19.6
Transportation Equipment	16.9	16.6	14.7	+ 1.8	+ 15.0
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.6	14.7	13.8	- 0.7	+ 5.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	495.3	493.3	481.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Food & Kindred Products	42.5	42.9	42.5	- 0.9	0
Meat Products	17.0	16.8	16.7	+ 1.2	+ 1.8
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.8	2.7	- 7.1	- 3.7
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.7	6.7	6.6	0	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.4	21.7	24.5	+ 3.2	- 8.6
Cigarettes	18.5	18.7	19.9	- 1.1	- 7.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.4	2.9	4.0	+ 17.2	- 15.0
Textile Mill Products	228.2	227.5	219.2	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.3	65.0	64.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.5	34.5	33.8	0	+ 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.7	30.1	30.0	+ 2.0	+ 2.3
Knitting Mills	78.1	78.1	72.9	0	+ 7.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.5	24.3	21.6	+ 0.8	+ 13.4
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.7	20.8	- 0.5	+ 3.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.9	16.0	15.0	- 0.6	+ 6.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.8	6.1	0	+ 11.5
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.5	15.3	14.7	+ 1.3	+ 5.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.4	56.0	55.0	+ 0.7	+ 2.5

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1983
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1983 (thous)	November 1983 (thous)	December 1982 (thous)	November 1983	December 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.1	89.6	85.7	+ 0.6	+ 5.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.2	27.4	26.7	- 0.7	+ 1.9
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	44.2	43.9	41.6	+ 0.7	+ 6.2
Paper & Allied Products	21.9	21.6	21.8	+ 1.4	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.3	6.2	+ 3.9	+ 72.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.6	6.7	8.3	- 1.5	- 20.5
Printing & Publishing	21.9	21.8	21.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Newspapers	8.7	8.7	8.3	0	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.2	36.2	35.8	0	+ 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.5	13.8	13.5	- 2.2	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.7	26.5	25.3	+ 0.8	+ 5.5
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.4	5.5	5.8	- 1.8	- 6.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1,596.2	1,593.2	1,563.8	+ 0.2	+ 20.7
MINING	4.8	4.9	4.5	- 2.0	+ 6.7
CONSTRUCTION	106.6	105.7	102.4	+ 0.9	+ 4.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.1	114.9	114.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	55.9	55.7	55.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.1	54.0	54.5	+ 0.2	- 0.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	488.6	487.6	475.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade	126.8	126.7	125.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.5	74.4	71.9	+ 0.1	+ 3.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.3	52.3	53.6	0	- 2.4
Retail Trade	361.8	360.9	349.5	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
General Merchandise Stores	54.8	54.4	51.8	+ 0.7	+ 5.8
Variety Stores	13.8	13.9	12.4	- 0.7	+ 11.3
Food Stores	59.9	59.6	57.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.5	100.7	98.0	- 0.2	+ 2.6
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	373.2	372.4	366.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.1	21.9	20.9	+ 0.9	+ 5.7
Personal Services	23.6	23.6	22.7	0	+ 4.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	9.9	10.0	0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	407.4	407.0	402.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Federal	50.3	50.4	49.7	- 0.2	+ 1.2
State	121.9	121.0	121.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Education	63.3	62.3	62.7	+ 1.6	+ 1.0
Other	58.6	58.7	58.4	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Local	235.2	235.6	231.7	- 0.2	+ 1.5
Education	133.0	133.0	129.7	0	+ 2.5
Other	102.2	102.6	102.0	- 0.4	+ 0.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1983

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1983	November 1983	December 1982	November 1983	December 1982
MANUFACTURING	641.5	641.7	610.9	*	+ 5.0
DURABLE GOODS	233.5	232.7	216.5	+ 0.3	+ 7.9
Lumber & Wood Products	28.9	29.3	27.0	- 1.4	+ 7.0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.4	7.4	6.7	0	+10.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.4	3.6	2.7	- 5.6	+25.9
Furniture & Fixtures	75.3	74.6	70.8	+ 0.9	+ 6.4
Household Furniture	68.1	67.5	63.9	+ 0.9	+ 6.6
Wood Household Furniture	36.2	36.1	34.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	14.2	14.3	12.1	- 0.7	+17.4
Structural Clay Products	1.7	1.8	1.4	- 5.6	+21.4
Primary Metal Industries	6.6	6.6	5.7	0	+15.8
Fabricated Metal Products	16.9	17.0	17.2	- 0.6	- 1.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.9	26.7	25.8	+ 0.7	+ 4.3
Special Industry Machinery	4.7	4.6	4.3	+ 2.2	+ 9.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	39.4	39.1	35.6	+ 0.8	+10.7
Household Appliances	5.4	5.5	4.5	- 1.8	+20.0
Transportation Equipment	13.7	13.4	11.5	+ 2.2	+19.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.0	409.0	394.4	- 0.2	+ 3.4
Food & Kindred Products	28.6	29.2	28.9	- 2.1	- 1.0
Meat Products	14.6	14.5	14.3	+ 0.7	+ 2.1
Meat Packing	2.0	2.1	2.1	- 4.8	- 4.8
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.0	19.1	20.2	- 5.8	-10.9
Cigarettes	14.8	15.1	16.0	- 2.0	- 7.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.6	3.5	3.5	-25.7	-25.7
Textile Mill Products	204.2	203.5	194.5	+ 0.3	+ 5.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	59.7	59.5	57.4	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.6	31.6	30.4	0	+ 3.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	27.9	27.7	26.9	+ 0.7	+ 3.7
Knitting Mills	68.3	68.3	63.3	0	+ 7.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.7	21.4	19.1	+ 1.4	+13.6
Hosiery, NEC	19.6	20.0	19.0	- 2.0	+ 3.2
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.7	13.7	12.8	0	+ 7.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.8	5.7	5.0	+ 1.8	+16.0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.1	13.0	12.4	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	52.0	51.6	50.6	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.6	78.3	73.6	- 0.9	+ 5.4
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	23.3	23.8	22.8	- 2.1	+ 2.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.9	38.3	35.5	- 1.0	+ 6.8
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.4	16.5	+ 2.4	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.9	7.5	8.0	+ 5.3	- 1.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.2	5.2	4.8	0	+ 8.3
Printing & Publishing	13.4	13.2	13.2	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Newspapers	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 6.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.6	23.6	22.8	0	+ 3.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.6	9.8	9.3	- 2.0	+ 3.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	21.2	21.1	19.8	+ 0.5	+ 7.1
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.6	4.6	4.9	0	- 6.1

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

DECEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
MANUFACTURING	$279.35	$278.80	$ 254.80	40.9	41.0	38.9	$ 6.83	$ 6.80	$ 6.55
DURABLE GOODS	297.07	289.22	265.38	41.9	41.2	39.2	7.09	7.02	6.77
Lumber & Wood Products	241.44	238.30	219.30	41.7	41.3	39.8	5.79	5.77	5.51
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	241.97	234.48	214.11	42.6	41.5	39.0	5.68	5.65	5.49
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	264.26	274.70	235.08	39.5	41.0	38.1	6.69	6.70	6.17
Furniture & Fixtures	249.70	240.37	214.60	40.8	39.6	37.0	6.12	6.07	5.80
Household Furniture	248.68	239.58	211.60	40.7	39.6	36.8	6.11	6.05	5.75
Wood Household Furniture	243.08	238.45	205.90	41.2	40.9	37.3	5.90	5.83	5.52
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	315.84	315.84	290.70	42.0	42.0	40.6	7.52	7.52	7.16
Structural Clay Products	245.68	255.58	231.83	41.5	43.1	40.6	5.92	5.93	5.71
Primary Metal Industries	368.23	336.18	312.42	45.8	43.1	41.0	8.04	7.80	7.62
Fabricated Metal Products	299.07	312.75	300.44	39.3	41.7	41.1	7.61	7.50	7.31
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	356.33	337.93	324.41	44.1	42.4	40.5	8.08	7.97	8.01
Special Industry Machinery	317.15	303.23	279.27	42.4	41.2	39.5	7.48	7.36	7.07
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	351.07	348.89	309.68	42.4	42.6	39.5	8.28	8.19	7.84
Household Appliances	260.60	273.05	226.69	41.3	43.0	36.8	6.31	6.35	6.16
Transportation Equipment	335.40	321.68	312.23	43.0	41.4	41.3	7.80	7.77	7.56
NONDURABLE GOODS	269.47	272.80	248.84	40.4	40.9	38.7	6.67	6.67	6.43
Food & Kindred Products	252.89	244.61	243.41	39.7	39.2	40.3	6.37	6.24	6.04
Meat Products	203.48	203.08	206.84	37.2	37.4	39.1	5.47	5.43	5.29
Meat Packing	360.91	361.05	360.48	43.8	44.3	45.4	8.24	8.15	7.94
Dairy Products	260.10	250.43	262.14	42.5	41.6	43.4	6.12	6.02	6.04
Grain Mill Products	303.08	295.17	286.97	44.9	43.6	44.7	6.75	6.77	6.42
Bakery Products	280.06	271.26	266.90	41.8	41.1	42.5	6.70	6.60	6.28
Beverages	482.76	438.60	419.68	45.5	42.5	43.9	10.61	10.32	9.56
Tobacco Manufacturers	428.27	477.43	405.84	37.9	41.3	38.0	11.30	11.56	10.68
Cigarettes	474.13	555.78	460.42	37.9	42.5	38.4	12.51	13.03	11.99
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	186.38	170.48	175.08	37.5	36.9	36.4	4.97	4.62	4.81
Textile Mill Products	252.56	254.59	226.38	41.2	41.6	38.5	6.13	6.12	5.88
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	278.64	283.66	248.45	41.9	42.4	38.4	6.65	6.69	6.47
Weaving Mills, Cotton	272.74	281.65	253.22	41.2	42.1	38.6	6.62	6.69	6.56
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	285.24	285.90	243.33	42.7	42.8	38.2	6.68	6.68	6.37
Knitting Mills	222.26	226.00	206.22	39.2	40.0	37.7	5.67	5.65	5.47
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	220.86	210.00	199.68	40.6	39.4	38.4	5.44	5.33	5.20
Hosiery, NEC	190.45	213.88	182.85	35.4	39.1	34.5	5.38	5.47	5.30
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	260.83	261.46	245.84	41.8	41.9	40.5	6.24	6.24	6.07
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	273.66	264.80	241.60	43.3	42.3	40.0	6.32	6.26	6.04
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	282.92	271.99	248.46	44.0	42.3	40.4	6.43	6.43	6.15
Yarn & Thread Mills	245.02	248.30	215.77	41.6	42.3	38.6	5.89	5.87	5.59
Apparel & Other Textile Products	182.63	187.50	175.85	37.5	38.5	37.1	4.87	4.87	4.74
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	181.72	184.87	171.24	36.2	36.9	35.9	5.02	5.01	4.77
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	173.63	180.65	168.54	37.1	38.6	36.8	4.68	4.68	4.58
Paper & Allied Products	471.97	460.68	423.53	44.4	44.0	42.1	10.63	10.47	10.06
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	565.76	574.27	518.91	44.2	44.9	44.2	12.80	12.79	11.74
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	346.26	331.52	296.53	45.5	44.8	41.3	7.61	7.40	7.18
Printing & Publishing	290.58	285.25	280.60	38.9	38.6	39.3	7.47	7.39	7.14
Newspapers	274.35	268.66	257.03	35.4	34.8	34.5	7.75	7.72	7.45
Chemicals & Allied Products	358.27	368.87	346.18	40.3	41.4	40.3	8.89	8.91	8.59
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	409.70	414.38	386.10	41.3	42.5	40.9	9.92	9.75	9.44
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	374.88	365.04	313.19	44.0	43.2	39.1	8.52	8.45	8.01
MINING	302.94	296.27	287.58	40.5	40.2	41.8	7.48	7.37	6.88
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	447.58	447.07	411.23	41.1	41.9	41.0	10.89	10.67	10.03
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	198.22	191.98	198.36	34.0	33.1	34.2	5.83	5.80	5.80
Wholesale Trade	288.80	280.53	265.88	40.0	39.4	39.1	7.22	7.12	6.80
Retail Trade	170.13	164.74	168.64	32.1	31.2	32.0	5.30	5.28	5.27
General Merchandise Stores	163.65	141.97	155.80	31.9	29.7	32.8	5.13	4.78	4.75
Variety Stores	121.97	116.18	2/	32.7	31.4	2/	3.73	3.70	2/
Food Stores	192.05	187.80	189.01	33.4	31.3	32.2	5.75	6.00	5.87
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	122.12	122.66	121.35	28.6	29.7	29.1	4.27	4.13	4.17
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	170.94	172.04	170.29	35.1	35.4	35.7	4.87	4.86	4.77

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Information not available.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY
January, 1984

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUSTAINS OVER-THE-MONTH DECLINE: Total employment in North Carolina was estimated to be 2,695,400 in mid-January, 1984, a decline of 39,600 from the mid-December, 1983 estimate (-1.4 percent). All three of the main employment sectors experienced losses over the month. The smallest net loss occurred in agriculture, which fell seasonally by 3,000 workers (-7.0 percent). "All other" nonagricultural employment decreased by 8,100 persons (-2.7 percent). The largest net monthly employment loss took place in nonagricultural wage and salary employment, which declined by 28,500 workers (-1.2 percent) from mid-December, 1983, to mid-January, 1984.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FALLS SLIGHTLY: In mid-January, 1984, North Carolina's manufacturing employment stood at 806,600, a net over-the-month decrease of 1,800 workers (-0.2 percent). The durable goods segment accounted for 700 of that loss with the following industry groups registering the largest declines: lumber and wood, -400 (due to a reduction in business and the bitter cold weather); stone, clay, and glass, -300 (due to the bitter cold); and nonelectrical machinery, -300 (due to the layoff of workers hired for temporary jobs). The largest employment gains occurred in transportation equipment and "other" durable goods, each rising by 200 over the month. Employment in the nondurable goods segment decreased by 1,100 from mid-December of mid-January. Textile mill products sustained the largest net monthly reduction, falling by 500 workers due to scattered layoffs. Following that was food and kindred products, down by 400 over the month. The only gain in nondurable goods took place in rubber and miscellaneous plastic products, up by 200 in January of this year.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT REGISTERS SHARP DROP: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment fell by 35,700 persons (-2.1 percent) from mid-December, 1983, to mid-January, 1984. The January estimate was 1,631,700. All seven of the nonmanufacturing industry groups suffered monthly losses, with five being rather large: trade, -14,600; government, -8,600; construction, -6,900; service and miscellaneous, -3,300; and transportation, communications, and public utilities, -2,000. Most of those declines were seasonal in nature.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TOP ONE YEAR AGO: From January, 1983, to January, 1984, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in North Carolina added 88,900 workers (+3.9 percent). Manufacturing increased by 40,000 (+5.2 percent) as several industry groups experienced strong growth: textiles, +9,900; electrical machinery, +5,800; furniture and fixtures, +4,600; apparel and related products, +3,700; and nonelectrical machinery, +3,600. Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector was also well ahead of last year's total (+70,900 or +4.5 percent) as all industry groups except mining showed impressive increases: trade, +31,000; construction, +13,100; government, +11,400; service and miscellaneous, +8,300; finance, insurance, and real estate, +4,400; and transportation, communications, and public utilities, +2,700.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES SIGNIFICANTLY: North Carolina's total unemployment was estimated at 236,800 in mid-January, 1984 - a net over-the-month jump of 36,300 people (+18.1 percent). Consequently, the unadjusted rate of unemployment in the State rose from 6.8 percent in December, 1983, to 8.1 percent in January of this year. In January, 1983, there were 315,000 persons out of work and the unemployment rate was 10.8 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 8.8 percent in January, 1984, 8.0 percent in December, 1983, and 11.4 percent twelve months ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 8.0 percent this January, 8.2 percent in December, and 10.4 percent in January of 1983.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

January, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	January 2/ 1984	December 1983	January 1983	December, 1983		January, 1983	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,932,200	2,935,500	2,904,800	- 3,300	- 0.1	+ 27,400	+ 0.9
Employment, Total	2,695,400	2,735,000	2,589,800	-39,600	- 1.4	+105,600	+ 4.1
Agricultural Employment	39,800	42,800	42,800	- 3,000	- 7.0	- 3,000	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,364,900	2,393,400	2,276,000	-28,500	- 1.2	+ 88,900	+ 3.9
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	290,700	298,800	271,000	- 8,100	- 2.7	+ 19,700	+ 7.3
Unemployment, Total	236,800	200,500	315,000	+36,300	+18.1	- 78,200	-24.8
State Unadjusted Rate	8.1	6.8	10.8	+ 1.3	XXX	- 2.7	XXX
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.8	8.0	11.4	+ 0.8	XXX	- 2.6	XXX
(Seasonally Adjusted)	8.0	8.2	10.4	- 0.2	XXX	- 2.4	XXX

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.

4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

HOURLY EARNINGS RISE WHILE HOURS WORKED FALL: From the middle of December, 1983, to the middle of January, 1984, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by 6¢ an hour (+0.9 percent) to $6.89. Furthermore, that was a net over-the-year gain of 31¢ an hour (+4.7 percent). The durable goods segment remained constant at $7.10 in January of this year but did enjoy a net yearly increase of 36¢ an hour (+5.3 percent). Stone, clay, and glass was the durable goods industry group that experienced the largest net over-the-month increase, rising by 13¢ an hour (+1.7 percent) to hit $7.64 in January. That was followed by electrical machinery, which increased by 5¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) over the month to reach $8.35. The nondurable goods segment experienced a good net monthly gain of 10¢ an hour (+1.5 percent) for a January, 1984, average of $6.77. Also, that average represented a net over-the-year increase of 28¢ an hour (+4.3 percent). The nondurable goods industry group which exhibited the largest net monthly jump was tobacco, climbing by 52¢ an hour (+4.7 percent) to $11.65. That dramatic increase was primarily due to the seasonal layoff of 500 lower paid stemming and redrying workers. Textiles was a distant second with a net over-the-month gain of 12¢ an hour (+2.0 percent) to average $6.24 in January, 1984. From mid-December, 1983, to mid-January, 1984, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers fell by $6.51 (-2.3 percent) to average $272.84, due to a drop in average weekly hours. Over the year, an increase of $20.83 (+8.3 percent) was seen. Average weekly hours fell by 1.3 to 39.6 from December, 1983, to January, 1984. The current level is 1.3 hours above one year ago, however.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX RISES OVER THE MONTH: The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers advanced to 305.2 in January, 1984, according to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That figure represented an over-the-month gain of 0.6 percent and an over-the-year increase of 4.1 percent. Once again food and beverages exhibited the largest monthly climb, surging ahead by 1.8 percent. The cost of medical care followed, up by 0.9 percent over the month. Next came "other" goods and services with a monthly increase of 0.6 percent. On the other hand, apparel and upkeep experienced a rather large decrease of 1.5 percent. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, fell to 32.8¢ in January, 1984.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS GROWS: As of January 31, 1984, there were 158,937 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State. That was a net over-the-month increase of 4,910 people (+3.2 percent). The largest applicant sector by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine with 98,655 or 62.0 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four year olds were next with a count of 27,752 or 17.5 percent. The smallest applicant segment by age was fifty-five and over with 9,173 on only 5.8 percent of the total. Females made up 49.5 percent of the total and numbered 78,736. Blacks who were not Hispanic comprised 39.4 percent of the total with a total of 62,554. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of January 31, 1984.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE
January 31, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	158,937	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	23,357	14.7
22-39	98,655	62.0
40-54	27,752	17.5
55 and Over	9,173	5.8
Sex		
Male	80,201	50.5
Female	78,736	49.5
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	92,910	58.4
Black, not Hispanic	62,554	39.4
Hispanic	635	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,999	1.3
Other Races and Undetermined	839	0.5
Eligible Claimant	70,727	44.5
Veteran	27,252	17.1
Handicapped	10,023	6.3
Welfare	17,966	11.3
Seasonal Farmworker	1,262	0.8

JOB OPENINGS INCREASE OVER THE MONTH: During the month of January, 1984, there were 13,320 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a net monthly increase of 838 jobs (+6.7 percent). Most of those openings were filled (9,970 or 74.8 percent). The service category had the largest number of job openings received in January with 2,127. A high number was filled (1,699 or 79.9 percent). Next came the clerical sector with 2,035 job openings received and 1,251 or 61.5 percent filled. Structural work followed with 1,841 openings received in January of this year and 1,441 or 78.3 percent filled. Again the group with the lowest number of job openings received was processing with just 417, but the vast majority of those was filled (396 or 95.0 percent). There were 64,134 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State from October 1, 1983, through January 31, 1984. A good percentage of those was filled (81.8 percent or 52,475). There were 9,088 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of January 31, 1984. Most of those jobs (5,189 or 57.1 percent) were classified as hard-to-fill because they had been open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on job openings in the State for January, 1984, and for the fiscal year to date.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	January, 1984		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Jan. 31, 1984	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	757	335	2,963	1,334	1,075	644
Clerical	2,035	1,251	7,622	5,044	1,309	612
Sales	550	325	3,043	2,169	536	314
Service	2,127	1,699	9,191	7,314	1,425	852
Domestic	139	119	852	756	46	29
Other Services	1,988	1,580	8,339	6,558	1,379	823
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	723	716	11,002	10,892	115	38
Processing	417	396	2,323	2,233	290	212
Machine Trades	1,449	1,023	5,174	3,941	1,012	529
Bench Work	1,739	1,419	6,562	5,903	1,238	831
Structural Work	1,841	1,441	8,439	6,647	1,349	833
Miscellaneous	1,682	1,365	7,815	6,998	739	324
Motor Freight & Transp.	361	259	1,600	1,173	218	84
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	1,284	1,075	5,990	5,667	483	213
Other	37	31	225	158	38	27
Total	13,320	9,970	64,134	52,475	9,088	5,189

1/ October 1, 1983, through January 31, 1984.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1984 (Thous)	December 1983 (Thous)	January 1983 (Thous)	December 1983	January 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,438.3	2,475.8	2,327.4	- 1.5	+ 4.8
MANUFACTURING	806.6	808.4	766.6	- 0.2	+ 5.2
DURABLE GOODS	310.5	311.2	286.3	- 0.2	+ 8.5
Lumber & Wood Products	35.1	35.5	32.3	- 1.1	+ 8.7
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.1	13.2	11.9	- 0.8	+10.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.6	7.7	0	+11.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.7	3.9	3.1	- 5.1	+19.4
Furniture & Fixtures	82.4	82.4	77.8	0	+ 5.9
Household Furniture	73.5	73.6	69.5	- 0.1	+ 5.8
Wood Household Furniture	37.3	37.4	35.0	- 0.3	+ 4.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.0	31.0	28.9	0	+ 7.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.8	18.1	15.4	- 1.7	+15.6
Structural Clay Products	2.3	2.5	1.7	- 8.0	+35.3
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.6	4.8	4.2	- 4.2	+ 9.5
Primary Metal Industries	9.6	9.7	8.6	- 1.0	+11.6
Fabricated Metal Products	24.1	24.0	23.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.2	8.0	0	- 7.9
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	51.8	52.1	48.2	- 0.6	+ 7.5
Special Industry Machinery	7.9	8.0	7.0	- 1.3	+12.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	56.3	56.4	50.5	- 0.2	+11.5
Household Appliances	5.5	5.8	3.9	- 5.2	+41.0
Transportation Equipment	18.5	18.3	15.8	+ 1.1	+17.1
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.7	14.2	+ 1.4	+ 4.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	496.1	497.2	480.3	- 0.2	+ 3.3
Food & Kindred Products	43.0	43.4	42.5	- 0.9	+ 1.2
Meat Products	16.7	16.9	16.6	- 1.2	+ 0.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 3.8	- 3.8
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Bakery Products	7.9	8.0	7.8	- 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.5	6.6	6.5	- 1.5	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.7	23.0	25.0	- 1.3	- 9.2
Cigarettes	18.6	18.4	19.6	+ 1.1	- 5.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.4	3.9	4.6	-12.8	-26.1
Textile Mill Products	227.1	227.6	217.2	- 0.2	+ 4.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	63.8	6.38	62.6	0	+ 1.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.4	34.2	34.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.2	29.4	28.3	- 0.7	+ 3.2
Knitting Mills	80.5	80.8	74.4	- 0.4	+ 8.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.2	24.0	21.1	+ 0.8	+14.7
Hosiery, NEC	22.6	22.5	21.3	+ 0.4	+ 6.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.1	15.3	14.1	- 1.3	+ 7.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.0	7.1	6.1	- 1.4	+14.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.6	14.6	14.1	0	+ 3.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.1	55.3	53.2	- 0.4	+ 3.6

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January, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1984 (Thous)	December 1983 (Thous)	January 1983 (Thous)	December 1983	January 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.3	87.4	83.6	- 0.1	+ 4.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.5	27.3	27.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.4	41.6	39.3	- 0.5	+ 5.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.4	22.1	0	+ 1.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.8	11.0	- 0.9	- 2.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.2	6.7	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Printing & Publishing	23.3	23.3	22.4	0	+ 4.0
Newspapers	8.9	8.8	8.3	+ 1.1	+ 7.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.7	37.7	37.4	0	+ 0.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.9	13.8	- 0.7	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	27.2	27.0	24.5	+ 0.7	+11.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.4	5.4	5.6	0	- 3.6
NONMANUFACTURING	1,631.7	1,667.4	1,560.8	- 2.1	+ 4.5
MINING	4.2	4.4	4.2	- 4.5	0
CONSTRUCTION	112.4	119.3	99.3	- 5.8	+13.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	119.9	121.9	117.2	- 1.6	+ 2.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	59.9	61.9	57.0	- 3.2	+ 5.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.9	54.9	54.9	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	515.6	530.2	484.6	- 2.8	+ 6.4
Wholesale Trade	120.5	121.0	117.3	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	71.6	71.5	68.3	+ 0.1	+ 4.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	48.9	49.5	49.0	- 1.2	- 0.2
Retail Trade	395.1	409.2	367.3	- 3.4	+ 7.6
General Merchandise Stores	55.4	62.3	53.3	-11.1	+ 3.9
Variety Stores	12.6	13.1	10.9	- 3.8	+15.6
Food Stores	64.8	65.8	62.6	- 1.5	+ 3.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	102.0	102.1	97.6	- 0.1	+ 4.5
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	362.2	365.5	353.9	- 0.9	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	19.0	20.0	17.9	- 5.0	+ 6.1
Personal Services	24.3	23.2	23.7	+ 4.7	+ 2.5
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	415.4	424.0	404.0	- 2.0	+ 2.8
Federal	50.2	50.2	48.8	0	+ 2.9
State	118.9	126.4	114.8	- 5.9	+ 3.6
Education	61.3	68.7	57.1	-10.8	+ 7.4
Other	57.6	57.7	59.7	- 0.2	- 0.2
Local	246.3	247.4	240.4	- 0.4	+ 2.5
Education	136.8	137.6	133.5	- 0.6	+ 2.5
Other	109.5	109.8	106.9	- 0.3	+ 2.4

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1984

(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1984 (thous.)	December 1983 (thous.)	January 1983 (thous.)	December 1983	January 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,466.7	2,453.3	2,357.3	+ 0.5	+ 4.6
MANUFACTURING	811.0	806.0	800.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.4
DURABLE GOODS	311.6	309.1	301.9	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Lumber & Wood Products	35.9	35.4	31.2	+ 1.4	+ 15.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.4	13.2	11.9	+ 1.5	+ 12.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.6	7.3	+ 1.2	+ 19.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.9	3.9	3.1	0	+ 25.8
Furniture & Fixtures	81.7	81.3	81.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
Household Furniture	72.8	72.6	72.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Wood Household Furniture	37.0	36.9	38.2	+ 0.3	- 3.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.9	30.7	29.7	+ 0.7	+ 4.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.1	18.1	16.9	0	+ 7.1
Structural Clay Products	2.4	2.5	1.7	- 4.0	+ 41.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.4	0	+ 9.1
Primary Metal Industries	9.7	9.6	9.0	+ 1.0	+ 7.8
Fabricated Metal Products	24.1	23.6	26.5	+ 2.1	- 9.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.1	10.4	+ 1.2	- 21.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	51.5	51.4	50.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.9	7.8	7.8	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	56.8	56.3	55.3	+ 0.9	+ 2.7
Household Appliances	5.9	5.5	4.7	+ 7.3	+ 25.5
Transportation Equipment	18.7	18.6	16.1	+ 0.5	+ 6.2
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.0	14.8	14.9	+ 1.4	+ 0.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	499.4	496.9	498.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	44.0	43.4	42.9	+ 1.4	+ 2.6
Meat Products	16.8	16.9	16.5	- 0.6	+ 1.8
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.6	2.8	- 3.8	- 10.7
Dairy Products	2.9	2.8	3.0	+ 3.6	- 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.5	2.5	+ 4.0	+ 4.0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.8	0	+ 2.6
Beverages	6.7	6.7	6.9	0	- 2.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.1	22.8	25.7	+ 1.3	- 10.1
Cigarettes	18.8	18.4	20.1	+ 2.2	- 6.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.6	3.7	4.7	- 2.7	- 23.4
Textile Mill Products	228.0	227.4	228.5	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	63.6	63.6	69.2	0	- 8.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.2	33.9	37.6	+ 0.9	- 9.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.1	29.5	32.1	- 1.4	- 9.3
Knitting Mills	81.6	81.1	74.4	+ 0.6	+ 9.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.2	23.9	21.2	+ 1.3	+ 14.2
Hosiery, NEC	23.1	22.7	22.0	+ 1.8	+ 5.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.3	15.3	14.9	0	+ 2.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	7.2	6.9	- 1.4	+ 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.7	14.5	14.4	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.1	55.2	57.0	- 0.2	- 3.3

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1984
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1984 (thous.)	December 1983 (thous.)	January 1983 (thous.)	December 1983	January 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.1	87.8	86.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.7	27.3	27.7	+ 1.5	0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	42.0	41.9	41.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.3	21.8	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.7	6.5	0	+ 64.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.1	8.5	+ 2.8	- 14.1
Printing & Publishing	23.1	22.9	21.3	+ 0.9	+ 8.5
Newspapers	8.9	8.7	8.5	+ 2.3	+ 4.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.9	37.9	39.0	0	- 2.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.8	15.9	0	- 13.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	27.5	27.0	26.6	+ 1.9	+ 3.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.5	5.4	5.9	+ 1.9	- 6.8
NONMANUFACTURING	1,655.7	1,647.3	1,557.3	+ 0.5	+ 6.3
MINING	4.3	4.4	4.6	- 2.3	- 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	121.0	119.1	106.4	+ 1.6	+ 13.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.5	121.3	116.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.9
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	61.2	61.2	56.3	0	+ 8.7
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	55.2	54.6	- 0.2	+ 0.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	523.0	515.9	479.8	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Wholesale Trade	121.9	121.7	126.6	+ 0.2	- 3.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	71.7	71.6	73.2	+ 0.1	- 2.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	50.2	50.1	53.4	+ 0.2	- 6.0
Retail Trade	401.1	394.2	353.2	+ 1.8	+ 13.6
General Merchandise Stores	54.9	54.6	53.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.6
Variety Stores	12.9	11.9	12.6	+ 8.4	+ 2.4
Food Stores	65.1	65.1	57.5	0	+ 13.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.1	102.2	97.9	+ 0.9	+ 5.3
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	370.3	370.3	355.1	0	+ 4.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.2	22.0	19.8	+ 0.9	+ 12.1
Personal Services	23.7	23.4	23.8	+ 1.3	- 0.4
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.1	9.9	10.0	+ 2.0	+ 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	412.5	414.1	396.8	- 0.4	+ 4.0
Federal	50.8	50.9	48.5	- 0.2	+ 4.7
State	120.3	121.6	116.2	- 1.1	+ 3.5
Education	61.8	63.0	57.8	- 1.9	+ 6.9
Other	58.5	58.6	58.4	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	241.4	241.6	232.1	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Education	130.2	130.2	129.5	0	+ 0.5
Other	111.2	111.4	102.6	- 0.2	+ 8.4

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1984	December 1983	January 1983	December 1983	January 1983
MANUFACTURING	647.7	649.2	611.6	- 0.2	+ 5.9
DURABLE GOODS	236.9	237.5	217.0	- 0.3	+ 9.2
Lumber & Wood Products	29.9	30.3	27.8	- 1.3	+ 7.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.5	7.5	6.7	0	+ 11.9
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.1	3.3	2.6	- 6.1	+ 19.2
Furniture & Fixtures	73.6	73.6	68.8	0	+ 7.0
Household Furniture	66.4	66.5	62.2	- 0.2	+ 6.8
Wood Household Furniture	34.5	34.6	32.8	- 0.3	+ 5.2
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	14.5	14.7	12.1	- 1.4	+ 19.8
Structural Clay Products	1.8	1.9	1.3	- 5.3	+ 38.5
Primary Metal Industries	7.1	7.2	6.1	- 1.4	+ 16.4
Fabricated Metal Products	17.9	17.9	17.2	0	+ 4.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.9	26.9	26.2	0	+ 2.7
Special Industry Machinery	5.2	5.4	4.6	- 3.7	+ 13.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	40.7	40.8	35.3	- 0.2	+ 15.3
Household Appliances	4.8	5.1	3.3	- 5.9	+ 45.5
Transportation Equipment	15.0	14.9	12.7	+ 0.7	+ 18.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	410.8	411.7	394.6	- 0.2	+ 4.1
Food & Kindred Products	29.3	29.7	28.7	- 1.3	+ 2.1
Meat Products	14.7	14.9	14.2	- 1.3	+ 3.5
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.4	2.6	2.5	- 7.7	- 4.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.1	18.5	20.5	- 2.2	- 11.7
Cigarettes	14.9	14.8	16.0	+ 0.7	- 6.9
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.6	3.2	3.8	- 18.8	- 31.6
Textile Mill Products	203.2	203.5	192.8	- 0.1	+ 5.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	58.0	58.0	56.0	0	+ 3.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.4	31.2	30.3	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.4	26.6	25.5	- 0.8	+ 3.5
Knitting Mills	71.2	71.4	65.3	- 0.3	+ 9.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.4	21.2	18.8	+ 0.9	+ 13.8
Hosiery, NEC	20.7	20.6	19.4	+ 0.5	+ 6.7
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.9	13.1	12.2	- 1.5	+ 5.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.1	6.2	5.2	- 1.6	+ 17.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.2	12.1	11.5	+ 0.8	+ 6.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.8	50.9	49.4	- 0.2	+ 2.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.1	77.1	73.5	0	+ 4.9
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.0	24.7	24.4	+ 1.2	+ 2.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.7	35.8	33.7	- 0.3	+ 5.9
Paper & Allied Products	17.1	17.1	16.8	0	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.9	7.9	8.0	0	- 1.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.6	5.2	0	+ 7.7
Printing & Publishing	14.2	14.2	13.8	0	+ 2.9
Newspapers	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 6.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.1	25.1	24.1	0	+ 4.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.9	9.9	9.5	0	+ 4.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	22.0	21.8	19.6	+ 0.9	+ 12.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 2.1

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

January, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	January 1984	December 1983	January 1983	January 1984	December 1983	January 1983	January 1984	December 1983	January 1983
MANUFACTURING	$272.84	$279.35	$252.01	39.6	40.9	38.3	$ 6.89	$ 6.83	$ 6.58
DURABLE GOODS	285.42	298.20	258.14	40.2	42.0	38.3	7.10	7.10	6.74
Lumber & Wood Products	229.82	240.86	216.84	39.9	41.6	39.0	5.76	5.79	5.56
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	233.04	239.67	212.08	41.1	41.9	38.7	5.67	5.72	5.48
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	236.11	262.01	231.41	37.3	39.4	36.5	6.33	6.65	6.34
Furniture & Fixtures	233.17	248.88	207.50	38.1	40.6	35.9	6.12	6.13	5.78
Household Furniture	231.19	248.47	207.00	37.9	40.6	36.0	6.10	6.12	5.75
Wood Household Furniture	229.13	241.26	202.95	39.1	41.1	36.9	5.86	5.87	5.50
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	314.00	316.17	290.70	41.1	42.1	40.6	7.64	7.51	7.16
Structural Clay Products	246.97	247.94	232.31	41.3	41.6	40.9	5.98	5.96	5.68
Primary Metal Industries	350.32	364.69	308.56	43.9	45.7	40.6	7.98	7.98	7.60
Fabricated Metal Products	313.18	318.93	291.06	41.1	41.8	39.6	7.62	7.63	7.35
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	325.92	357.50	306.15	41.1	44.3	39.1	7.93	8.07	7.83
Special Industry Machinery	303.37	316.63	273.78	41.5	42.5	39.0	7.31	7.45	7.02
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	350.70	351.09	305.35	42.0	42.3	39.4	8.35	8.30	7.75
Household Appliances	236.06	244.84	238.40	37.0	39.3	39.8	6.38	6.23	5.99
Transportation Equipment	324.12	337.55	303.28	41.5	43.0	40.6	7.81	7.85	7.47
NONDURABLE GOODS	265.38	268.80	248.57	39.2	40.3	38.3	6.77	6.67	6.49
Food & Kindred Products	231.73	254.47	230.18	36.9	40.2	38.3	6.28	6.33	6.01
Meat Products	185.35	204.54	196.79	33.7	37.6	37.2	5.50	5.44	5.29
Meat Packing	333.90	380.38	359.90	42.0	45.5	45.1	7.95	8.36	7.98
Dairy Products	249.49	263.08	258.22	40.7	42.5	42.4	6.13	6.19	6.09
Grain Mill Products	302.60	305.33	274.77	44.5	45.1	43.0	6.80	6.77	6.39
Bakery Products	261.49	276.55	241.25	39.5	41.4	38.6	6.62	6.68	6.25
Beverages	397.79	481.68	384.47	40.1	45.7	41.7	9.92	10.54	9.22
Tobacco Manufacturers	422.90	419.60	394.21	36.3	37.7	36.4	11.65	11.13	10.83
Cigarettes	473.11	474.13	448.72	37.4	37.9	36.6	12.64	12.57	12.26
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	149.87	182.29	165.90	29.1	36.9	36.6	5.15	4.94	4.66
Textile Mill Products	250.22	249.08	229.08	40.1	40.7	38.5	6.24	6.12	5.95
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	276.98	270.66	252.20	40.2	40.7	38.8	6.89	6.65	6.50
Weaving Mills, Cotton	262.89	262.94	250.10	38.1	39.6	38.3	6.90	6.64	6.53
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	293.09	280.81	254.92	42.6	42.1	31.4	6.88	6.67	6.47
Knitting Mills	217.46	221.13	212.60	38.3	39.0	38.1	5.73	5.67	5.58
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	206.05	217.06	203.52	38.3	39.9	38.4	5.38	5.44	5.30
Hosiery, NEC	197.62	192.77	198.56	35.8	35.5	36.3	5.52	5.43	5.47
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	258.62	261.88	246.43	40.6	41.9	40.2	6.37	6.25	6.13
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	288.86	278.40	252.55	43.9	43.5	40.8	6.58	6.40	6.19
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	270.45	276.92	243.20	41.8	43.0	39.1	6.47	6.44	6.22
Yarn & Thread Mills	252.51	247.28	220.02	41.6	41.7	38.6	6.07	5.93	5.70
Apparel & Other Textile Products	180.91	184.84	176.66	36.4	37.8	36.5	4.97	4.89	4.84
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	182.73	182.14	176.72	35.9	36.5	35.7	5.09	4.99	4.95
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	172.79	176.53	168.69	36.3	37.4	36.2	4.76	4.72	4.66
Paper & Allied Products	454.74	470.64	423.69	42.9	44.4	42.2	10.60	10.60	10.04
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	560.46	564.32	507.07	44.2	44.4	43.6	12.68	12.71	11.63
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	328.54	345.47	296.73	43.4	45.1	41.5	7.57	7.66	7.15
Printing & Publishing	285.37	289.38	275.80	38.1	39.0	38.2	7.49	7.42	7.22
Newspapers	262.28	272.03	253.75	33.2	35.1	33.3	7.90	7.75	7.62
Chemicals & Allied Products	362.92	361.56	355.56	41.1	40.9	41.2	8.83	8.84	8.63
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	408.53	412.44	403.22	41.9	42.0	42.4	9.75	9.82	9.51
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	356.14	368.76	315.87	42.6	43.9	38.9	8.36	8.40	8.12
MINING	281.94	294.74	267.63	37.0	40.1	39.3	7.62	7.35	6.81
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	451.11	422.65	408.22	41.5	41.1	40.7	10.87	10.77	10.03
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	184.58	192.66	193.64	32.1	33.8	33.1	5.75	5.70	5.85
Wholesale Trade	279.30	284.72	264.02	38.9	39.6	38.6	7.18	7.19	6.84
Retail Trade	159.08	168.41	161.57	30.3	32.2	30.6	5.25	5.23	5.28
General Merchandise Stores	134.00	165.47	139.20	27.8	33.7	29.0	4.82	4.91	4.80
Variety Stores	112.28	121.51	104.69	28.0	33.2	29.0	4.01	3.66	3.61
Food Stores	186.89	193.97	186.40	31.2	33.5	31.7	5.99	5.79	5.88
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	114.97	120.28	119.00	26.8	28.3	28.2	4.29	4.25	4.22
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	169.48	172.69	164.35	34.1	35.1	34.6	4.97	4.92	4.75

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

February, 1984

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT GROWS OVER THE MONTH: In the middle of February of this year, total employment in the State was estimated to be 2,708,200--a net monthly increase of 14,400 people (+0.5 percent). Each of the three principal employment segments enjoyed gains from mid-January to mid-February. The "all other" non-agricultural employment sector experienced a modest increase of 300 workers (+0.1 percent); agricultural employment began its seasonal growth by adding 2,400 employees (+6.0 percent); and nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 11,700 persons (+0.5 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RISES NOMINALLY: Statewide manufacturing employment was estimated to be 806,500 in the middle of February, 1984, a small net monthly increase of 100 workers. The durable goods sector, however, rose by 2,300 employees (+0.7 percent) as all industry groups, except one, displayed noticeable improvement. Machinery, except electrical, registered the largest net monthly increase in durable goods, rising by 500 people (+1.0 percent) due to general employment growth. Electrical machinery was a close second, up by 400 workers (+0.7 percent) due to an increase in business. The nondurable goods sector, on the other hand, sustained a net monthly loss of 2,200 people (-0.4 percent) which almost completely offset the increase in durable goods. The largest reduction in nondurable goods was seasonal in nature and took place in tobacco manufacturing, which fell by 1,000 workers (-4.4 percent) as employment dropped in both cigarette manufacturing and stemmeries. Following that was food and kindred products, which declined by 700 persons (-1.6 percent) over the month due to the seasonal cutback in canning employment.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RECORDS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE: From the middle of January to the middle of February of this year, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment grew by 12,400 workers (+0.8 percent) for a February estimate of 1,642,700. Most of the industry groups experienced over-the-month employment growth with the largest gains occurring in government, +7,100; service and miscellaneous, +3,700; and construction, +1,200. Seasonal factors were responsible for most of the growth.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING WELL AHEAD OF LAST YEAR: The State's manufacturing employment rose by 41,100 people (+5.4 percent) from February, 1983, to February, 1984. The four industry groups exhibiting the largest worker increases were textile mill products, +9.100; furniture and fixtures, +7,200; electrical machinery, +4,800; and nonelectrical machinery, +4,200. Nonmanufacturing employment really jumped over the year (+78,900 or 5.0 percent) as every industry group added workers. These were the four which led the way: trade, +34,800; construction, +15,600; government, +10,600; and service and miscellaneous, +10,100.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES NOTICEABLY: During the mid-week of February, 1984, total unemployment in the State was estimated to be 222,100. That figure represented a net monthly decrease of 14,600 persons (-6.2 percent). As a result, North Carolina's unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 8.1 percent in January to 7.6 percent in February. One year ago (February, 1984) the unemployment situation was much worse as there were 330,900 jobless people for an unemployment rate of 11.3 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 8.4 percent in February, 1984, 8.8 percent in January, 1984, and 11.3 percent in February, 1983. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.8 percent this February, 8.0 percent in January, and 10.4 percent in February, 1983.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

FEBRUARY, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	February 2/ 1984	January 3/ 1984	February 1983	January, 1984		February, 1983	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,930,300	2,930,500	2,919,700	- 200	*	+ 10,600	+ 0.4
Employment, Total	2,708,200	2,693,800	2,588,800	+ 14,400	+ 0.5	+ 119,400	+ 4.6
Agricultural Employment	42,200	39,800	45,400	+ 2,400	+ 6.0	- 3,200	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,375,300	2,363,600	2,267,400	+ 11,700	+ 0.5	+ 107,900	+ 4.8
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	290,700	290,400	276,000	+ 300	+ 0.1	+ 14,700	+ 5.3
Unemployment, Total	222,100	236,700	330,900	- 14,600	- 6.2	- 108,800	- 32.9
State Unadjusted Rate	7.6	8.1	11.3	- 0.5	xxx	- 3.7	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.4	8.8	11.3	- 0.4	xxx	- 2.9	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.8	8.0	10.4	- 0.2	xxx	- 2.6	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
* Less than 0.05 percent.

HOURLY EARNINGS INCREASE WHILE HOURS WORKED REMAIN CONSTANT: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers inched forward by 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) to $6.92 from mid-January to mid-February of this year. There has been a net yearly increase of 33¢ an hour (+5.0 percent). The durable goods sector experienced modest over-the-month growth of 2¢ an hour to reach $7.15 this February. Over the year the average in durable goods industries rose by 37¢ an hour (+5.5 percent). Fabricated metal products led the way in durable goods with net monthly growth of 11¢ an hour (+1.4 percent) to hit $7.73. Furniture and fixtures was next, recording a net over-the-month gain of 5¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) to average $6.15 in February, 1984. The nondurable goods sector also displayed a 2¢ an hour increase for a February average of $6.78. Since February, 1983, average hourly earnings in nondurables has grown by 28¢ an hour (+4.3 percent). Tobacco was the nondurable goods industry group which had the largest net over-the-month climb, up by 51¢ an hour (+4.4 percent) to $12.06. That sharp increase was mainly due to the seasonal layoff of 900 lower paid stemming and redrying workers. Paper and allied products followed with a net monthly rise of 15¢ an hour (+1.5 percent) for a February, 1984, average of $10.47. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by just 79¢ (+0.3 percent) to $274.72 from the middle of January to the middle of February, 1984. However, there was a good net yearly gain of $24.30 (+9.7 percent). Average weekly hours stayed the same over the month at 39.7 but were 1.7 hours above February of 1983.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX CONTINUES TO INCREASE: According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 306.6 in February, 1984. That was a monthly increase of 0.5 percent plus a yearly gain of 4.6 percent. The cost of medical care rose the most over the month, up by 1.0 percent. The food and beverages category was a close second, climbing by 0.9 percent from January to February of this year. Then came entertainment, rising by 0.6 percent over the month. Two of the major groups (apparel and upkeep and transportation) displayed a small monthly decline of 0.1 percent. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $306.60 in February, 1984.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS INCREASES: There were 161,824 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of February 29, 1984. That figure represented a net monthly gain of 2,887 persons (+1.8 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine segment was by far the largest applicant segment by age with 100,797 or 62.3 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four year olds followed, numbering 27,838 or 17.2 percent. Once again the fifty-five and over sector was the smallest with a count of 9,094 or 5.6 percent of the total. Males comprised the majority of the active applicants (50.1 percent of 81,094). The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, with 94,868 or 58.6 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of February 29, 1984.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE
February 29, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	161,824	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	24,095	14.9
22 - 39	100,797	62.3
40 - 54	27,838	17.2
55 and Over	9,094	5.6
Sex		
Male	81,094	50.1
Female	80,730	49.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	94,868	58.6
Black, not Hispanic	63,525	39.3
Hispanic	603	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,011	1.2
Other Races and Undetermined	817	0.5
Eligible Claimant	68,650	42.4
Veteran	26,969	16.7
Handicapped	10,035	6.2
Welfare	18,291	11.3
Seasonal Farmworker	1,142	0.7

JOB OPENINGS RISE IN FEBRUARY: There were 15,238 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State during the month of February, 1984. That was a net over-the-month gain of 1,918 jobs (+14.4 percent). A good percentage of those openings was filled (71.6 percent of 10,907). The largest number of job openings received in February was in structural work, which had 2,419 and 1,574 or 65.1 percent were filled. The service category followed with 2,387 job openings received and 1,703 or 71.3 percent filled. Next came the clerical segment with 2,182 openings received and 1,344 or 61.6 percent filled. Processing had the fewest job openings received in February with only 538; however, most of those were filled (388 or 72.1 percent). From October 1, 1983, through February 29, 1984, there were 79,372 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. The majority of those job openings was filled (63,382 or 79.9 percent). As of February 29, 1984, there were 10,321 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. A large percentage of those jobs (51.8 percent or 5,349) had been open for thirty days or more and had therefore been classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings for February, 1984, and for the fiscal year to date.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	February, 1984		Fiscal Year To Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Feb. 29,1984	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	787	305	3,750	1,639	1,137	658
Clerical	2,182	1,344	9,804	6,388	1,478	591
Sales	607	323	3,650	2,492	617	323
Service	2,387	1,703	11,578	9,017	1,581	804
Domestic	164	143	1,016	899	41	31
Other Services	2,223	1,560	10,562	8,118	1,540	773
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	852	799	11,854	11,691	120	48
Processing	538	388	2,861	2,621	379	223
Machine Trades	1,585	1,175	6,759	5,116	1,130	709
Bench Work	2,000	1,683	8,562	7,586	1,347	790
Structural Work	2,419	1,574	10,858	8,221	1,796	902
Miscellaneous	1,881	1,613	9,696	8,611	736	301
Motor Freight and Trans.	400	266	2,000	1,439	239	90
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,405	1,323	7,395	6,990	439	193
Other	76	24	301	182	58	18
Total	15,238	10,907	79,372	63,382	10,321	5,349

1/ October 1, 1983, through February 29, 1984.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1984 (Thous.)	January 1984 (Thous.)	February 1983 (Thous.)	January 1984	February 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,449.2	2,436.7	2,329.2	+ 0.5	+ 5.2
MANUFACTURING	806.5	806.4	765.4	+ 0.01	+ 5.4
DURABLE GOODS	312.6	310.3	285.5	+ 0.7	+ 9.5
Lumber & Wood Products	35.3	35.0	32.1	+ 0.9	+10.0
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.3	13.2	11.8	+ 0.8	+12.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.6	7.7	+ 1.2	+13.0
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.8	3.7	3.0	+ 2.7	+26.7
Furniture & Fixtures	82.8	82.6	75.6	+ 0.2	+ 9.5
Household Furniture	73.7	73.7	67.4	0	+ 9.3
Wood Household Furniture	37.6	37.4	33.7	+ 0.5	+11.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.8	31.0	28.7	- 0.6	+ 7.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.1	17.8	15.2	+ 1.7	+19.1
Structural Clay Products	2.4	2.4	1.8	0	+33.3
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.7	4.6	4.2	+ 2.2	+11.9
Primary Metal Industries	9.9	9.7	8.7	+ 2.1	+13.8
Fabricated Metal Products	24.0	24.0	23.5	0	+ 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.1	8.2	8.8	- 1.2	- 8.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.2	51.7	48.0	+ 1.0	+ 8.8
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	7.9	6.9	+ 1.3	+15.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	56.8	56.4	52.0	+ 0.7	+ 9.2
Household Appliances	5.5	5.6	5.0	- 1.8	+10.0
Transportation Equipment	18.7	18.5	16.2	+ 1.1	+15.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.8	14.6	14.2	+ 1.4	+ 4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.9	496.1	479.9	- 0.4	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	42.5	43.2	42.1	- 1.6	+ 1.0
Meat Products	16.8	16.8	16.7	0	+ 0.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 3.6	- 3.6
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.3	6.5	6.4	- 3.1	- 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.6	22.6	24.1	- 4.4	-10.4
Cigarettes	18.4	18.6	19.5	- 1.1	- 5.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.5	3.4	3.9	-26.5	-35.9
Textile Mill Products	226.4	227.0	217.3	- 0.3	+ 4.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	63.4	63.9	61.9	- 0.8	+ 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton	33.6	34.2	33.7	- 1.8	- 0.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.6	29.5	28.0	+ 0.3	+ 5.7
Knitting Mills	80.7	80.6	74.8	+ 0.1	+ 7.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.7	24.2	21.1	+ 2.1	+17.1
Hosiery, NEC	22.7	22.6	21.4	+ 0.4	+ 6.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.9	15.1	14.4	- 1.3	+ 3.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.0	7.0	6.1	0	+14.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.5	14.3	14.1	+ 1.4	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	54.7	55.1	53.6	- 0.7	+ 2.1

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1984 (Thous.)	January 1984 (Thous.)	February 1983 (Thous.)	January 1984	February 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.3	87.4	84.3	- 0.1	+ 3.6
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.4	27.6	27.2	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.5	41.3	39.8	+ 0.5	+ 4.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.5	22.5	22.1	0	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.9	10.9	10.9	0	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.2	6.7	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Printing & Publishing	23.3	23.1	22.4	+ 0.9	+ 4.0
Newspapers	8.8	8.8	8.4	0	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.9	37.7	37.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.9	13.9	- 0.7	- 0.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	27.2	27.2	24.6	0	+10.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.2	5.4	5.5	- 3.7	- 5.5
NONMANUFACTURING	1,642.7	1,630.3	1,563.8	+ 0.8	+ 5.0
MINING	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 2.4
CONSTRUCTION	113.8	112.6	98.2	+ 1.1	+15.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	120.4	119.8	117.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	60.2	59.8	57.3	+ 0.7	+ 5.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	55.0	54.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	513.4	513.7	478.6	- 0.1	+ 7.3
Wholesale Trade	121.0	120.5	116.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	72.4	71.8	68.4	+ 0.8	+ 5.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	48.6	48.7	48.1	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Retail Trade	392.4	393.2	362.1	- 0.2	+ 8.4
General Merchandise Stores	54.1	54.9	51.1	- 1.5	+ 5.9
Variety Stores	11.2	11.3	10.5	- 0.9	+ 6.7
Food Stores	64.4	64.9	62.2	- 0.8	+ 3.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	102.4	102.3	98.1	+ 0.1	+ 4.4
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	365.0	361.3	354.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	19.5	19.1	18.4	+ 2.1	+ 6.0
Personal Services	24.5	24.2	23.8	+ 1.2	+ 2.9
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	10.0	9.9	- 1.0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	423.4	416.3	412.8	+ 1.7	+ 2.6
Federal	50.2	50.1	48.6	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
State	126.1	119.1	121.9	+ 5.2	+ 3.4
Education	68.1	62.2	63.9	+ 9.5	+ 6.6
Other	58.0	57.7	58.0	+ 0.5	0
Local	247.1	246.3	242.3	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Education	137.5	136.9	134.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Other	109.6	109.4	107.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1984
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT February 1984 (Thous)	January 1984 (Thous)	February 1983 (Thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: January 1984	February 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,477.0	2,467.6	2,354.8	+ 0.4	+ 5.2
MANUFACTURING	811.9	812.1	770.8	*	+ 5.3
DURABLE GOODS	314.7	312.1	287.5	+ 0.8	+ 9.5
Lumber & Wood Products	36.1	35.9	32.8	+ 0.6	+10.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.6	13.6	12.0	0	+13.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.9	8.7	7.9	+ 2.3	+12.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.0	3.9	3.2	+ 2.6	+25.0
Furniture & Fixtures	82.7	82.0	75.5	+ 0.9	+ 9.5
Household Furniture	73.6	73.3	67.3	+ 0.4	+ 9.4
Wood Household Furniture	37.9	37.5	33.9	+ 1.1	+11.8
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.8	30.8	28.7	0	+ 7.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.5	18.1	15.6	+ 2.2	+18.6
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.0	+ 3.8	+35.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.9	4.8	4.3	+ 2.1	+14.0
Primary Metal Industries	10.0	9.8	8.8	+ 2.0	+13.6
Fabricated Metal Products	24.2	24.1	23.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.2	8.9	0	- 7.9
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.3	51.5	48.1	+ 1.6	+ 8.7
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	7.8	6.9	+ 2.6	+15.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	57.2	57.4	52.4	- 0.3	+ 9.2
Household Appliances	6.0	6.3	5.4	- 4.8	+11.1
Transportation Equipment	18.8	18.7	16.3	+ 0.5	+15.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.6	14.3	+ 2.1	+ 4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	497.2	500.0	483.3	- 0.6	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	43.5	44.2	43.1	- 1.6	+ 0.9
Meat Products	16.7	16.9	16.6	- 1.2	+ 0.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 3.4	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.4	6.7	6.5	- 4.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.1	23.0	24.7	- 3.9	-10.5
Cigarettes	18.4	18.6	19.5	- 1.1	- 5.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.8	3.6	4.4	-22.2	-36.4
Textile Mill Products	227.5	228.6	218.4	- 0.5	+ 4.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	63.8	63.8	62.2	0	+ 2.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	33.2	33.9	37.2	- 2.1	-10.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.1	29.6	28.5	+ 1.7	+ 5.6
Knitting Mills	81.1	81.7	75.2	- 0.7	+ 7.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.7	24.2	21.1	+ 2.1	+17.1
Hosiery, NEC	22.9	23.2	21.6	- 1.3	+ 6.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.9	15.3	14.4	- 2.6	+ 3.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	7.2	6.2	- 1.4	+14.5
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.7	14.5	14.3	+ 1.4	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	54.9	55.1	53.7	- 0.4	+ 2.2

*Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1984
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1984 (Thous)	January 1984 (Thous)	February 1983 (Thous)	January 1984	February 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.7	88.1	84.7	− 0.5	+ 3.5
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.3	27.7	27.1	− 1.4	+ 0.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.5	41.8	39.8	− 0.7	+ 4.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.3	22.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.8	10.8	0	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.2	6.7	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Printing & Publishing	23.1	22.8	22.2	+ 1.3	+ 4.1
Newspapers	8.8	8.8	8.4	0	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	38.0	37.8	37.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.9	14.0	14.0	− 0.7	− 0.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	27.6	27.7	25.0	− 0.4	+10.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.3	5.5	5.6	− 3.6	− 5.4
NONMANUFACTURING	1,665.1	1,655.5	1,584.0	− 0.6	+ 5.1
MINING	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 2.3
CONSTRUCTION	123.3	121.2	106.4	+ 1.7	+15.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.0	121.3	117.7	− 0.2	+ 2.8
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	60.8	61.0	57.9	− 0.3	+ 5.0
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.4	55.1	54.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	528.0	522.3	491.9	+ 1.1	+ 7.3
Wholesale Trade	123.0	121.9	118.5	+ 0.9	+ 3.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	72.7	72.1	68.7	+ 0.8	+ 5.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	50.3	49.8	49.8	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Retail Trade	405.0	400.4	373.4	+ 1.1	+ 8.5
General Merchandise Stores	56.2	54.5	53.2	+ 3.1	+ 5.6
Variety Stores	11.7	11.5	11.0	+ 1.7	+ 6.4
Food Stores	65.4	65.3	63.2	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.4	103.4	99.1	0	+ 4.3
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	371.7	369.8	361.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.1	22.2	20.9	− 0.5	+ 5.7
Personal Services	23.7	23.6	23.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.1	10.0	− 1.0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	413.3	413.1	403.2	*	+ 2.5
Federal	50.6	50.5	49.0	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
State	122.9	121.4	118.9	+ 1.2	+ 3.4
Education	64.4	62.8	60.4	+ 2.5	+ 6.6
Other	58.5	58.6	58.5	− 0.2	0
Local	239.8	241.2	235.3	− 0.6	+ 1.9
Education	129.0	130.0	126.1	− 0.8	+ 2.3
Other	110.8	111.2	109.2	− 0.4	+ 1.5

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1984	January 1984	February 1983	January 1984	February 1983
MANUFACTURING	647.1	647.4	610.1	*	+ 6.1
DURABLE GOODS	238.7	236.8	216.4	+ 0.8	+10.3
Lumber & Wood Products	30.0	29.8	27.9	+ 0.7	+ 7.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.6	7.5	6.8	+ 1.3	+11.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.2	3.0	2.4	+ 6.7	+33.3
Furniture & Fixtures	74.0	73.8	66.6	+ 0.3	+11.1
Household Furniture	66.6	66.5	60.1	+ 0.2	+10.8
Wood Household Furniture	34.8	34.6	30.7	+ 0.6	+13.4
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	14.8	14.5	12.0	+ 2.1	+23.3
Structural Clay Products	1.9	1.8	1.3	+ 5.6	+46.2
Primary Metal Industries	7.4	7.2	6.2	+ 2.8	+19.4
Fabricated Metal Products	17.9	17.9	17.3	0	+ 3.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.1	26.8	25.7	+ 1.1	+ 5.4
Special Industry Machinery	5.3	5.2	4.7	+ 1.9	+12.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	41.1	40.8	36.8	+ 0.7	+11.7
Household Appliances	4.9	4.9	4.3	0	+14.0
Transportation Equipment	15.2	15.0	13.1	+ 1.3	+16.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.4	410.6	393.7	- 0.5	+ 3.7
Food & Kindred Products	29.0	29.5	28.3	- 1.7	+ 2.5
Meat Products	14.8	14.8	14.2	0	+ 4.2
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Bakery Products	4.4	4.5	4.5	- 2.2	- 2.2
Beverages	2.3	2.4	2.5	- 4.2	- 8.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.0	18.1	19.5	- 6.1	-12.8
Cigarettes	14.8	14.9	15.8	- 0.7	- 6.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.6	2.6	3.1	-38.5	-48.4
Textile Mill Products	202.4	203.0	192.5	- 0.3	+ 5.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	57.7	58.2	54.7	- 0.9	+ 5.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	30.7	31.2	30.0	- 1.6	+ 2.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.8	26.8	24.6	0	+ 8.9
Knitting Mills	71.3	71.2	65.9	+ 0.1	+ 8.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.6	21.4	18.7	+ 0.9	+15.5
Hosiery, NEC	20.7	20.7	19.6	0	+ 5.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.8	12.9	12.5	- 0.8	+ 2.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.1	5.1	+ 1.6	+21.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.1	11.9	11.6	+ 1.7	+ 4.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.4	50.7	49.4	- 0.6	+ 2.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.0	77.1	74.0	- 0.1	+ 4.1
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	24.8	25.0	24.6	- 0.8	+ 0.8
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.8	35.6	34.1	+ 0.6	+ 5.0
Paper & Allied Products	17.2	17.2	16.8	0	+ 2.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.6	5.2	0	+ 7.7
Printing & Publishing	14.2	14.1	13.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Newspapers	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 6.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.1	24.9	24.3	+ 0.8	+ 3.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.9	9.9	9.5	0	+ 4.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	22.0	22.0	19.6	0	+12.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.5	4.7	4.8	- 4.3	- 6.2

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

February, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
MANUFACTURING	$274.72	$273.93	$250.42	39.7	39.7	38.0	$ 6.92	$ 6.90	$ 6.59
DURABLE GOODS	285.29	285.91	254.25	39.9	40.1	37.5	7.15	7.13	6.78
Lumber & Wood Products	225.62	231.20	214.88	38.9	40.0	38.1	5.80	5.78	5.64
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	228.34	232.15	206.64	40.2	40.8	37.3	5.68	5.69	5.54
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	227.01	242.63	256.41	34.5	37.5	38.5	6.58	6.47	6.66
Furniture & Fixtures	232.47	229.97	200.45	37.8	37.7	34.8	6.15	6.10	5.76
Household Furniture	232.71	228.38	201.25	37.9	37.5	35.0	6.14	6.09	5.75
Wood Household Furniture	234.23	228.54	200.72	39.7	39.0	36.1	5.90	5.86	5.56
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	304.44	311.54	274.78	40.7	41.1	37.9	7.48	7.58	7.25
Structural Clay Products	244.42	245.50	213.93	40.2	41.4	37.4	6.08	5.93	5.72
Primary Metal Industries	360.14	359.20	320.32	45.3	44.9	41.6	7.95	8.00	7.70
Fabricated Metal Products	314.61	311.66	288.95	40.7	40.9	39.1	7.73	7.62	7.39
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	332.47	331.25	306.87	41.3	41.2	38.6	8.05	8.04	7.95
Special Industry Machinery	304.08	299.11	272.31	42.0	41.2	38.3	7.24	7.26	7.11
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	342.29	351.96	299.15	40.7	42.0	38.6	8.41	8.38	7.75
Household Appliances	246.65	239.77	228.69	38.6	37.7	37.8	6.39	6.36	6.05
Transportation Equipment	330.72	324.12	302.54	42.4	41.5	40.5	7.80	7.81	7.47
NONDURABLE GOODS	268.49	266.34	248.30	39.6	39.4	38.2	6.78	6.76	6.50
Food & Kindred Products	234.05	237.51	231.04	36.8	37.7	38.0	6.36	6.30	6.08
Meat Products	179.85	193.28	183.05	33.0	35.4	35.0	5.45	5.46	5.23
Meat Packing	337.00	342.21	307.53	41.4	42.3	40.2	8.14	8.09	7.65
Dairy Products	262.91	252.56	253.95	42.2	41.0	41.7	6.23	6.16	6.09
Grain Mill Products	301.92	304.64	280.37	44.4	44.8	43.2	6.80	6.80	6.49
Bakery Products	274.55	253.46	269.61	41.1	38.0	43.0	6.68	6.67	6.27
Beverages	454.35	425.52	391.98	44.5	41.8	41.7	10.21	10.18	9.40
Tobacco Manufacturers	426.92	427.35	362.34	35.4	37.0	33.0	12.06	11.55	10.98
Cigarettes	459.95	473.11	402.78	35.6	37.4	32.8	12.92	12.65	12.28
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	176.64	177.82	153.57	34.1	34.0	33.9	5.18	5.23	4.53
Textile Mill Products	253.94	251.65	234.00	40.5	40.2	39.0	6.27	6.26	6.00
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	284.69	280.83	255.71	41.2	40.7	39.1	6.91	6.90	6.54
Weaving Mills, Cotton	280.89	267.63	255.45	40.3	38.9	39.0	6.97	6.88	6.55
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	289.07	295.06	255.58	42.2	42.7	39.2	6.85	6.91	6.52
Knitting Mills	221.76	220.61	210.74	38.3	38.3	37.7	5.79	5.76	5.59
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	203.63	209.00	194.18	37.5	38.0	37.2	5.43	5.50	5.22
Hosiery, NEC	210.90	199.99	200.72	37.0	36.1	36.1	5.70	5.54	5.56
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	255.56	257.81	251.54	40.5	40.6	40.9	6.31	6.35	6.15
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	282.97	285.14	251.51	43.4	43.8	40.5	6.52	6.51	6.21
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	276.06	271.77	257.00	42.8	42.2	40.6	6.45	6.44	6.33
Yarn & Thread Mills	254.94	253.34	230.04	42.0	41.6	39.8	6.07	6.09	5.78
Apparel & Other Textile Products	186.13	184.00	171.96	37.3	36.8	35.9	4.99	5.00	4.79
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	186.07	183.60	174.31	36.7	36.0	35.5	5.07	5.10	4.91
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	176.75	174.11	162.59	36.9	36.5	35.5	4.79	4.77	4.58
Paper & Allied Products	452.30	447.89	424.20	43.2	43.4	42.0	10.47	10.32	10.10
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	570.68	547.36	573.92	44.9	44.0	44.0	12.71	12.44	11.68
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	331.80	332.32	286.16	43.6	43.9	39.8	7.61	7.57	7.19
Printing & Publishing	292.74	283.88	272.46	39.4	37.8	38.0	7.43	7.51	7.17
Newspapers	265.44	261.41	253.55	33.6	33.3	33.1	7.90	7.85	7.66
Chemicals & Allied Products	357.69	356.40	350.38	40.1	40.5	40.6	8.92	8.80	8.63
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	409.45	401.70	398.27	40.3	41.2	42.1	10.16	9.75	9.46
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	360.39	357.00	313.86	42.7	42.5	38.7	8.44	8.40	8.11
MINING	274.09	280.12	263.78	36.4	37.3	37.9	7.53	7.51	6.96
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	444.64	441.41	403.56	41.4	41.1	40.6	10.74	10.74	9.94
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	190.49	187.02	193.89	32.9	32.2	33.2	5.79	5.79	5.84
Wholesale Trade	291.80	285.71	263.81	39.7	39.3	38.4	7.35	7.27	6.87
Retail Trade	162.75	160.21	161.70	31.0	30.4	30.8	5.25	5.27	5.25
General Merchandise Stores	144.21	141.00	141.12	28.9	28.2	29.4	4.99	4.00	4.80
Variety Stores	119.73	111.61	109.89	30.7	28.4	29.7	3.90	3.93	3.70
Food Stores	185.36	189.32	187.57	31.1	31.5	31.9	5.96	6.01	5.88
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	117.89	116.10	121.70	27.1	27.0	28.5	4.35	4.30	4.27
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	174.19	173.00	160.61	34.7	34.6	33.6	5.02	5.00	4.78

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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North Carolina
State Labor Summary
March, 1984

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB: North Carolina's total employment was estimated to be 2,741,100 in mid-March, 1984 - a net over-the-month gain of 32,800 persons (+1.2 percent). Two of the three main employment sectors experienced strong growth from the middle of February to the middle of March. Agricultural employment added 4,200 workers (+10.0 percent) as its seasonal growth began to accelerate. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 29,500 workers (+1.2 percent). On the other hand, "all other" nonagricultural employment sustained a small loss of 900 workers (-0.3 percent) over the month.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS GAIN: As of mid-March, 1984, manufacturing employment in the State was estimated to be 810,300. That was a modest net over-the-month increase of 2,400 workers (+0.3 percent). The durable goods segment accounted for 87.5 percent of that growth, rising by 2,100 (+0.7 percent), as all of its industry groups except two showed positive movement. The durable goods industry group that registered the largest net monthly gain was electrical machinery, up by 1,000 persons (+1.8 percent), followed by lumber and wood, which rose by 400 people (+1.1 percent) from the middle of February to the middle of March, 1984. The nondurable goods segment experienced a nominal gain of 300 workers (+0.1 percent) as about half of the industry groups enjoyed modest growth. Chemicals led the way with a net over-the-month increase of 400 workers (+1.1 percent). Next came apparel and printing, each adding 300 people over the month. Textile employment was down by 400 from mid-February to mid-March, due to temporary layoffs.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RISES NOTICEABLY: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment was estimated to be 1,654,200 in the middle of March, 1984, a net monthly increase of 12,800 workers (+0.8 percent). All seven of the industry groups exhibited gains over the month with the largest occurring in trade, +3,700; service and miscellaneous, +3,000; construction, +2,800; and government, +2,400.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXCEEDS ONE YEAR AGO: Manufacturing employment in North Carolina surged ahead of March, 1983, by 40,000 workers (+5.2 percent) as all but two industry groups enjoyed some kind of increase. Leading the way were textiles (+6,600), furniture (+6,200), electrical machinery (+4,900), and nonelectrical machinery (+4,400). Nonmanufacturing employment also displayed an impressive increase over the year (70,500 or 4.5 percent) with all of its industry groups contributing. Trade (+30,500), construction (+14,900), government (+9,500), and service and miscellaneous (+8,400) were the top four.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS SIGNIFICANTLY: Total unemployment in North Carolina was estimated to be 214,700 during the mid-week of March, 1984. That was a net over-the-month decline of 7,400 people (-3.3 percent). Consequently, the State's unadjusted rate of unemployment decreased from 7.6 percent in February to 7.3 percent in March. Unemployment conditions were far worse twelve months ago (March, 1983) when 319,700 persons were out of work and the unemployment rate was 10.9 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 8.1 percent in March, 1984, 8.4 percent in February, 1984, and 10.8 percent one year ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.8 percent this March and February and 10.3 percent in March of 1983.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/
March, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	March 2/ 1984	February 3/ 1984	March 1983	February, 1984		March, 1983	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,955,800	2,930,400	2,933,000	+25,400	+ 0.9	+ 22,800	+ 0.8
Employment, Total	2,741,100	2,708,300	2,613,300	+32,800	+ 1.2	+127,800	+ 4.9
Agricultural Employment	46,400	42,200	49,900	+ 4,200	+10.0	- 3,500	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,404,900	2,375,400	2,281,800	+29,500	+ 1.2	+123,100	+ 5.4
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	289,800	290,700	281,600	- 900	- 0.3	+ 8,200	+ 2.9
Unemployment, Total	214,700	222,100	319,700	- 7,400	- 3.3	-105,000	-32.8
State Unadjusted Rate	7.3	7.6	10.9	- 0.3	XXX	- 3.6	XXX
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.1	8.4	10.8	- 0.3	XXX	- 2.7	XXX
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.8	7.8	10.3	0	XXX	- 2.5	XXX

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

BOTH HOURLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED UP SLIGHTLY: From the middle of February to the middle of March, 1984, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to $6.93. Since March, 1983, there has been a net gain of 30¢ an hour (+4.5 percent). The durable goods segment also edged forward by 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to $7.16 from mid-February to mid-March of this year. During the past twelve months, the average in durable goods has increased by 36¢ an hour (+5.3 percent). The durable goods industry which recorded the largest net over-the-month gain was fabricated metal products, up by 8¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to reach $7.80 this March. That was followed by nonelectrical machinery, which experienced a net monthly growth of 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to hit $8.15. The nondurable goods segment rose by just 1¢ an hour as well, for a March, 1984, average of $6.80. Since March of 1983, nondurable goods industries have exhibited an increase in average hourly earnings of 26¢ an hour (+4.0 percent). Tobacco manufacturing led the way in nondurables with a seasonal increase of 19¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) to average $12.18. Printing and publishing was next, up by 5¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) for an average of $7.48 in March of this year. From mid-February to mid-March, 1984, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers rose by $3.17 (+1.2 percent) to $278.59. Over the year the average has increased by $20.02 (+7.7 percent). Average weekly hours stood at 40.2 in March, 1984, up by 0.4 of an hour over the month and by 1.2 hours over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UP SLIGHTLY OVER THE MONTH: the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers increased to 307.3 from February to March of this year, according to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That represented an over-the-month gain of 0.2 percent and an over-the-year increase of 4.7 percent. The group which experienced the largest monthly increase was apparel and upkeep, rising by 1.3 percent. The cost of transportation followed with a monthly increase of 0.4 percent. Medical care was next, up by 0.3 percent from February to March of this year. The only main category which did not increase over the month was food and beverages, which stayed constant. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, fell to 32.5¢ in March, 1984.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS DROPS SLIGHTLY: As of March 31, 1984, there were 161,782 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State. That was a slight over-the-month decrease of 42 people. The largest applicant segment by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine which had 100,765 or 62.3 percent of the total. Next came the forty to fifty-four year olds with 27,612 or 17.1 percent. The smallest sector was, as usual, fifty-five and over with 9,098 or 5.6 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were male (81,026 or 50.1 percent). Whites, not Hispanics, made up the largest ethnic group with 94,164 or 58.2 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of March 31, 1984.

Statewide Active Applicant File
March 31, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	161,782	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	24,307	15.0
22 - 39	100,765	62.3
40 - 54	27,612	17.1
55 and Over	9,098	5.6
Sex		
Male	81,026	50.1
Female	80,756	49.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	94,164	58.2
Black, not Hispanic	64,206	39.7
Hispanic	632	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,984	1.2
Other Races and Undetermined	796	0.5
Eligible Claimant	68,647	42.4
Veteran	28,070	17.4
Handicapped	10,136	6.3
Welfare	18,962	11.7
Seasonal Farmworker	1,152	0.7

JOB OPENINGS INCREASE OVER THE MONTH: During the month of March, 1984, there were 17,548 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina - a net monthly increase of 2,310 job openings (+15.2 percent). Most of those openings were filled (12,324 or 70.2 percent). The service sector received the largest number of job openings in March with 2,847. The majority of those was filled (1,844 or 64.8 percent). Structural work was second with 2,675 job openings received and 1,920 or 71.8 percent filled. The clerical sector followed with 2,530 job openings received and 1,375 or 54.3 percent filled. The smallest number of job openings received in March was in processing, which had just 547, but the vast majority was filled (516 or 94.3 percent). There were 96,920 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State from October 1, 1983, through March 31, 1984. A good percentage of those job openings has been filled (78.1 percent of 75,706). There were 11,739 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of March 31, 1984. Quite a few of those jobs (5,909 or 50.3 percent) have been classified as hard-to-fill because they have been open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on the State's job openings for March, 1984, and for the fiscal year to date.

Statewide Job Openings Data

	March, 1984		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (nonag.) As of Mar. 31, 1984	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	855	332	4,605	1,971	1,210	698
Clerical	2,530	1,375	12,334	7,763	1,864	779
Sales	884	416	4,534	2,908	807	376
Service	2,847	1,844	14,425	10,861	1,955	853
Domestic	201	166	1,217	1,065	52	32
Other Services	2,646	1,678	13,208	9,796	1,903	821
Farm., Fish., and Forest	1,139	982	12,993	12,673	164	87
Processing	547	516	3,408	3,137	343	243
Machine Trades	1,577	1,177	8,336	6,293	1,195	637
Bench Work	2,294	2,047	10,856	9,633	1,303	803
Structural Work	2,675	1,920	13,533	10,141	1,957	1,010
Miscellaneous	2,200	1,715	11,896	10,326	941	423
Motor Freight and Trans.	523	303	2,523	1,742	339	130
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,620	1,379	9,015	8,369	544	261
Other	57	33	358	215	58	32
Total	17,548	12,324	96,920	75,706	11,739	5,909

1/ October 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1984 (Thous)	February 1984 (Thous)	March 1983 (Thous)	February 1984	March 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,464.5	2,449.3	2,354.0	+ 0.6	+ 4.7
MANUFACTURING	810.3	807.9	770.3	+ 0.3	+ 5.2
DURABLE GOODS	314.8	312.7	288.9	+ 0.7	+ 9.0
Lumber & Wood Products	35.6	35.2	32.6	+ 1.1	+ 9.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.4	13.3	12.0	+ 0.8	+11.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.6	7.8	0	+10.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.0	3.8	3.3	+ 5.3	+21.2
Furniture & Fixtures	82.8	83.1	76.6	– 0.4	– 8.1
Household Furniture	73.8	74.0	68.5	– 0.3	+ 7.7
Wood Household Furniture	37.5	37.6	34.6	– 0.3	+ 8.4
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.2	31.1	29.0	+ 0.3	+ 7.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.3	18.1	15.6	+ 1.1	+17.3
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.4	2.0	+ 4.2	+25.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.7	4.3	+ 2.1	+11.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.1	9.9	8.8	+ 2.0	+14.8
Fabricated Metal Products	24.0	23.9	23.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.0	8.1	8.7	– 1.2	– 8.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.6	52.3	48.2	+ 0.6	+ 9.1
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	8.0	7.0	0	+14.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.6	56.6	52.7	+ 1.8	+ 9.3
Household Appliances	5.4	5.2	5.4	+ 3.8	0
Transportation Equipment	19.0	18.7	16.6	+ 1.6	+14.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.8	14.9	14.3	– 0.7	+ 3.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	495.5	495.2	481.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	42.8	42.7	42.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Meat Products	17.0	16.9	16.6	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.7	2.8	+ 3.7	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	– 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	7.9	7.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.3	6.3	6.4	0	– 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.5	21.7	23.1	– 0.9	– 6.9
Cigarettes	18.4	18.5	19.5	– 0.5	– 5.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.5	2.5	2.9	0	–13.8
Textile Mill Products	225.9	226.3	219.3	– 0.2	+ 3.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	62.3	63.1	62.2	– 1.3	+ 0.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	32.9	33.3	33.6	– 1.2	– 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.1	29.6	28.4	– 1.7	+ 2.5
Knitting Mills	80.7	80.7	76.0	0	+ 6.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.1	24.3	21.3	– 0.8	+13.1
Hosiery, NEC	22.8	22.7	22.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.0	15.0	14.7	0	+ 2.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	7.0	6.1	+ 1.4	+16.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.7	14.7	14.3	0	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.1	54.8	54.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.0

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1984 (Thous)	February 1984 (Thous)	March 1983 (Thous)	February 1984	March 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.7	87.4	83.7	+ 0.3	+ 4.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.6	27.4	26.4	+ 0.7	+ 4.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.6	41.5	39.6	+ 0.2	+ 5.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.5	22.1	− 0.4	+ 1.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.9	10.8	− 0.9	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.2	7.2	6.8	0	+ 5.9
Printing & Publishing	23.6	23.3	22.7	+ 1.3	+ 4.0
Newspapers	8.9	8.8	8.4	+ 1.1	+ 6.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	38.1	37.7	37.7	+ 1.1	+ 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.9	13.8	13.9	+ 0.7	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	28.4	28.4	25.0	0	+13.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.1	5.2	5.5	− 1.9	− 7.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,654.2	1,641.4	1,583.7	+ 0.8	+ 4.5
MINING	4.4	4.3	4.3	+ 2.3	+ 2.3
CONSTRUCTION	116.7	113.9	101.8	+ 2.5	+14.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	127.6	120.1	117.6	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	60.6	60.2	57.8	+ 0.7	+ 4.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.9	54.8	54.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	515.4	511.7	484.9	+ 0.7	+ 6.3
Wholesale Trade	131.1	120.7	117.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.1
Wholesale Trade–Durable Goods	72.5	72.2	69.0	+ 0.4	+ 5.1
Wholesale Trade–Nondurable Goods	48.6	48.5	48.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	394.3	391.0	367.4	+ 0.8	+ 7.3
General Merchandise Stores	54.1	53.1	50.9	+ 1.9	+ 6.3
Variety Stores	11.4	11.3	10.5	+ 0.9	+ 8.6
Food Stores	64.4	64.5	62.6	− 0.2	+ 2.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	102.7	102.4	98.6	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	369.4	366.4	361.0	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	20.5	19.5	19.2	+ 5.1	+ 6.8
Personal Services	24.6	24.5	24.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	9.9	9.9	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	425.0	422.6	415.5	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Federal	50.1	50.1	49.1	0	− 2.0
State	126.9	125.3	122.8	+ 1.3	+ 3.3
Education	68.7	67.3	64.3	+ 2.1	+ 6.8
Other	58.2	58.0	58.5	+ 0.3	− 0.5
Local	248.0	247.2	243.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Education	138.5	137.6	135.3	+ 0.7	+ 2.4
Other	109.5	109.6	108.3	− 0.1	+ 1.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1984
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT March 1984 (Thous.)	February 1984 (Thous.)	March 1983 (Thous.)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: February 1984	March 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2475.2	2477.0	2363.8	- 0.1	+ 4.7
MANUFACTURING	814.1	813.3	773.8	+ 0.1	+ 5.2
DURABLE GOODS	316.1	314.8	289.9	+ 0.4	+ 9.0
Lumber & Wood Products	36.2	36.0	33.1	+ 0.6	+ 9.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.5	13.6	12.1	- 0.7	+ 11.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.8	8.2	- 1.1	+ 6.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.2	4.0	3.4	+ 5.0	+ 23.5
Furniture & Fixtures	82.9	83.0	76.6	- 0.1	+ 8.2
Household Furniture	74.0	73.9	68.6	+ 0.1	+ 7.9
Wood Household Furniture	37.7	37.9	34.7	- 0.5	+ 8.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.2	31.1	29.0	+ 0.3	+ 7.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.7	18.5	15.9	+ 1.1	+ 17.6
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.7	2.1	- 3.7	+ 23.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.9	4.9	4.4	0	+ 11.4
Primary Metal Industries	10.1	10.0	8.8	+ 1.0	+ 14.8
Fabricated Metal Products	24.3	24.1	23.8	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.1	8.2	8.9	- 1.2	- 9.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.7	52.4	48.2	+ 0.6	+ 9.3
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	8.0	7.0	0	+ 14.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	57.4	57.0	52.6	+ 0.7	+ 9.1
Household Appliances	5.8	5.7	5.8	+ 1.8	0
Transportation Equipment	19.0	18.8	16.6	+ 1.1	+ 14.5
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.8	15.0	14.3	- 1.3	+ 3.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	498.0	498.5	483.9	- 0.1	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	43.5	43.7	43.0	- 0.5	+ 1.2
Meat Products	17.0	16.8	16.6	+ 1.2	+ 2.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.4	6.4	6.5	0	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.9	22.2	24.6	+ 3.2	- 6.9
Cigarettes	18.4	18.5	19.5	- 0.5	- 5.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.7	2.8	4.3	+ 32.1	- 14.0
Textile Mill Products	226.1	227.4	219.4	- 0.6	+ 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	62.2	63.5	62.1	- 2.0	+ 0.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	32.7	32.9	33.4	- 0.6	- 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.0	30.1	28.3	- 3.7	+ 2.5
Knitting Mills	81.0	81.1	76.2	- 0.1	+ 6.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.3	24.3	21.4	0	+ 13.6
Hosiery, NEC	22.9	22.9	22.1	0	+ 3.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.8	15.0	14.5	- 1.3	+ 2.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.2	7.1	6.2	+ 1.4	+ 16.1
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.6	14.9	14.2	- 2.0	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.2	55.0	54.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.0

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1984
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1984 (Thous.)	February 1984 (Thous.)	March 1983 (Thous.)	February 1984	March 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.3	87.8	84.3	+ 0.6	+ 4.7
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	28.0	27.3	26.8	+ 2.6	+ 4.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.8	41.5	39.8	+ 0.7	+ 5.0
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.4	22.0	- 0.4	+ 1.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.8	10.8	0	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.2	7.2	6.8	0	+ 5.9
Printing & Publishing	23.2	23.1	22.4	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Newspapers	8.9	8.8	8.4	+ 1.1	+ 6.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.8	37.8	37.4	0	+ 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.8	13.8	- 0.7	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	28.8	28.8	25.3	0	+ 13.8
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.1	5.3	5.5	- 3.8	- 7.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1661.1	1663.7	1590.0	- 0.2	+ 4.5
MINING	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	2.3
CONSTRUCTION	121.2	123.4	105.8	- 1.8	+ 14.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.0	120.7	117.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	60.7	60.8	57.9	- 0.2	+ 4.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	55.1	54.9	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	526.7	526.2	495.5	+ 0.1	+ 6.3
Wholesale Trade	122.7	122.7	119.1	0	+ 3.0
Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods	72.5	72.5	69.0	0	+ 5.1
Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods	50.2	50.2	50.1	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	404.0	403.5	376.4	+ 0.1	+ 7.3
General Merchandise Stores	56.5	55.2	53.1	+ 2.4	+ 6.4
Variety Stores	11.9	11.8	10.9	+ 0.8	+ 9.2
Food Stores	65.2	65.5	63.4	- 0.5	+ 2.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.4	103.4	99.3	0	+ 4.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	372.8	373.1	364.5	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.6	22.1	21.2	+ 2.3	+ 6.6
Personal Services	23.7	23.7	23.3	0	+ 1.7
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.1	10.0	9.1	+ 1.0	+ 11.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	411.6	412.5	402.7	- 0.2	+ 2.2
Federal	50.3	50.5	49.3	0.4	+ 2.0
State	121.9	122.1	118.2	- 0.2	+ 3.1
Education	63.6	63.6	59.6	0	+ 6.7
Other	58.3	58.5	58.6	- 0.3	- 0.5
Local	239.4	239.9	235.2	- 0.2	+ 1.8
Education	129.1	129.1	126.1	0	+ 2.4
Other	110.3	110.8	109.1	- 0.5	+ 1.1

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1984	February 1984	March 1983	February 1984	March 1983
MANUFACTURING	650.2	648.3	613.1	+ 0.3	+ 6.1
DURABLE GOODS	240.7	238.8	217.4	+ 0.8	+ 10.7
Lumber & Wood Products	30.4	30.0	27.9	+ 1.3	+ 9.0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.6	7.6	6.8	0	+ 11.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.3	3.1	2.7	+ 6.5	+ 22.2
Furniture & Fixtures	74.0	74.2	67.8	- 0.3	+ 9.1
Household Furniture	66.7	66.9	61.4	- 0.3	+ 8.6
Wood Household Furniture	34.7	34.8	31.7	- 0.3	+ 9.5
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.0	14.7	12.3	+ 2.0	+ 22.0
Structural Clay Products	2.0	1.9	1.4	+ 5.3	+ 42.9
Primary Metal Industries	7.6	7.4	6.4	+ 2.7	+ 18.8
Fabricated Metal Products	17.9	17.8	17.3	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.3	27.2	24.5	+ 0.4	+ 11.4
Special Industry Machinery	5.3	5.3	4.7	0	+ 12.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	41.8	41.0	37.3	+ 2.0	+ 12.1
Household Appliances	4.8	4.5	4.8	+ 6.7	0
Transportation Equipment	15.5	15.2	13.2	+ 2.0	+ 17.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	409.5	409.5	395.7	0	+ 3.5
Food & Kindred Products	29.2	29.2	29.0	0	+ 0.7
Meat Products	14.9	14.9	14.6	0	+ 2.1
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 8.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.0	17.1	18.4	- 0.6	- 7.6
Cigarettes	14.7	14.8	15.6	- 0.7	- 5.8
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.7	1.7	2.1	0	- 19.0
Textile Mill Products	201.6	202.2	194.6	- 0.3	+ 3.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	56.4	57.3	55.3	- 1.6	+ 2.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	32.9	30.3	29.9	+ 8.6	+ 10.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.1	26.8	25.3	+ 8.6	+ 15.0
Knitting Mills	71.3	71.3	66.9	0	+ 6.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.3	21.6	18.7	- 1.4	+ 13.9
Hosiery, NEC	20.9	20.8	20.2	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.8	12.8	12.5	0	+ 2.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.2	5.2	0	+ 19.2
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.3	12.3	11.9	0	+ 3.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.6	50.3	49.6	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.3	77.0	73.6	+ 0.4	+ 5.0
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	24.9	24.8	23.9	+ 0.4	+ 4.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.9	35.8	34.0	+ 0.3	+ 5.6
Paper & Allied Products	17.1	17.1	16.9	0	+ 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.9	8.0	8.0	- 1.2	- 1.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.6	5.3	0	+ 5.7
Printing & Publishing	14.4	14.2	14.0	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
Newspapers	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 6.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.3	25.0	24.6	+ 1.2	+ 2.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	10.0	9.9	9.6	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	23.2	23.2	19.9	0	+ 16.6
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.4	4.5	4.7	- 2.2	- 6.4

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

March, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	March 1984	February 1984	March 1983	March 1984	February 1984	March 1983	March 1984	February 1984	March 1983
MANUFACTURING	$278.59	$275.42	$258.57	40.2	39.8	39.0	$ 6.93	$ 6.92	$ 6.63
DURABLE GOODS	292.13	286.72	263.16	40.8	40.1	38.7	7.16	7.15	6.80
Lumber & Wood Products	235.17	228.93	219.35	40.2	39.2	39.1	5.85	5.84	5.61
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	237.48	230.28	213.79	41.5	40.4	38.8	5.75	5.70	5.51
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	253.36	224.32	253.29	38.8	34.3	39.7	6.53	6.54	6.38
Furniture & Fixtures	238.78	234.55	214.33	38.7	38.2	36.7	6.17	6.14	5.84
Household Furniture	233.01	234.17	213.23	38.7	38.2	36.7	6.15	6.13	5.81
Wood Household Furniture	234.42	235.41	210.92	39.8	39.9	37.8	5.89	5.90	5.51
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	312.66	305.25	288.46	41.8	40.7	40.4	7.48	7.50	7.14
Structural Clay Products	261.27	244.22	236.74	43.4	40.5	41.1	6.02	6.03	5.76
Primary Metal Industries	356.18	358.32	325.80	45.2	45.3	42.7	7.88	7.91	7.63
Fabricated Metal Products	326.04	317.29	297.75	41.8	41.1	39.7	7.80	7.72	7.50
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	339.86	334.13	317.60	41.7	41.2	40.3	8.15	8.11	7.94
Special Industry Machinery	306.69	303.97	279.42	41.5	41.3	39.3	7.39	7.36	7.11
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	349.03	349.86	302.63	41.9	41.6	38.7	8.35	8.41	7.82
Household Appliances	261.87	245.38	222.40	40.6	38.4	36.4	6.45	6.39	6.11
Transportation Equipment	335.83	328.02	299.63	43.0	42.0	40.6	7.81	7.81	7.38
NONDURABLE GOODS	271.32	268.88	256.37	39.9	39.6	39.2	6.80	6.79	6.54
Food & Kindred Products	242.19	231.31	236.51	38.2	36.6	38.9	6.34	6.32	6.08
Meat Products	187.97	174.29	194.09	35.4	32.7	36.9	5.31	5.33	5.26
Meat Packing	294.44	298.76	322.63	37.7	38.6	41.9	7.81	7.74	7.70
Dairy Products	269.01	260.29	259.49	42.7	42.6	42.4	6.30	6.11	6.12
Grain Mill Products	290.44	299.84	281.43	42.4	43.9	43.7	6.85	6.83	6.44
Bakery Products	278.47	272.14	267.33	41.5	40.8	42.5	6.71	6.67	6.29
Beverages	479.98	465.16	407.79	44.9	44.9	41.4	10.69	10.36	9.85
Tobacco Manufacturers	448.22	412.46	411.18	36.8	34.4	36.1	12.18	11.99	11.39
Cigarettes	485.45	444.10	444.81	37.4	34.4	36.4	12.98	12.91	12.22
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	174.42	174.93	165.26	32.3	34.3	34.5	5.40	5.10	4.79
Textile Mill Products	254.75	253.71	240.80	40.5	40.4	40.0	6.29	6.28	6.02
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	276.00	278.36	260.83	40.0	40.4	39.7	6.90	6.89	6.57
Weaving Mills, Cotton	267.19	270.96	258.45	38.5	31.1	39.1	6.94	6.93	6.61
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	285.65	286.33	262.76	41.7	41.8	40.3	6.85	6.85	6.52
Knitting Mills	224.27	222.72	217.67	36.6	38.6	38.8	5.81	5.77	5.61
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	205.33	209.28	204.34	37.4	38.4	38.7	5.49	5.45	5.28
Hosiery, NEC	214.13	208.29	204.79	37.5	36.8	37.1	5.71	5.66	5.52
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	254.90	253.26	244.99	40.3	40.2	39.9	6.32	6.30	6.14
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	280.58	179.94	270.47	43.3	43.2	43.0	6.48	6.48	6.29
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	295.68	286.23	270.94	44.8	43.9	42.4	6.60	6.52	6.39
Yarn & Thread Mills	256.81	256.46	236.16	42.1	41.7	41.0	6.10	6.15	5.76
Apparel & Other Textile Products	190.24	186.87	177.26	38.2	37.6	36.7	4.98	4.97	4.83
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	190.98	189.35	176.99	37.3	37.2	35.4	5.12	5.09	4.93
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	177.75	175.85	167.80	37.5	37.1	36.4	4.74	4.74	4.61
Paper & Allied Products	448.49	450.75	429.51	43.0	43.3	42.4	10.43	10.41	10.13
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	559.51	572.68	508.36	44.3	44.9	43.9	12.63	12.71	11.58
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	329.04	328.32	300.25	42.9	43.2	41.3	7.67	7.60	7.27
Printing & Publishing	299.95	292.74	283.97	40.1	39.4	38.9	7.48	7.43	7.30
Newspapers	276.15	267.81	259.15	35.0	33.9	33.7	7.89	7.90	7.69
Chemicals & Allied Products	352.63	636.04	350.06	40.3	40.7	40.8	8.75	8.92	8.58
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	389.30	405.37	399.95	40.3	40.7	42.1	9.66	9.96	9.50
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	369.36	370.19	372.07	42.8	42.6	40.3	8.63	8.69	8.24
MINING	318.72	267.25	280.42	41.5	35.9	40.7	7.68	7.50	6.89
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	444.29	439.27	409.25	41.1	40.9	40.6	10.81	10.74	10.08
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	192.79	191.55	196.65	32.9	32.8	33.5	5.86	5.84	5.87
Wholesale Trade	291.12	288.41	271.44	39.5	39.4	39.0	7.37	7.32	69.6
Retail Trade	166.07	164.92	162.75	31.1	31.0	31.0	5.34	5.32	5.25
General Merchandise Stores	146.16	142.85	142.67	29.0	28.4	29.6	5.04	5.03	4.82
Variety Stores	116.33	114.62	114.36	29.6	28.8	30.5	3.93	3.98	3.75
Food Stores	188.69	287.80	185.76	31.5	31.3	31.7	5.99	6.00	5.86
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	123.77	119.26	126.88	29.4	27.8	30.5	4.21	4.29	4.16
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	176.78	176.75	169.09	34.8	35.0	35.3	5.08	5.05	4.79

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

APRIL, 1984

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT RISES SIGNIFICANTLY: In the middle of April of this year, total employment in the State was estimated to be 2,798,000. That was a net monthly increase of 56,500 people (+2.1 percent). All three of the principal employment categories registered good gains over the month. The largest net monthly surge occurred in the nonagricultural wage and salary employment segment, which rose by 39,500 workers (+1.6 percent). That was followed by agricultural employment, which continued its seasonal climb with the addition of 10,700 more workers (+23.1 percent). Lastly, the "all other" nonagricultural employment sector enjoyed net over-the-month growth of 6,300 workers (+2.2 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES SMALL INCREASE: North Carolina's manufacturing employment was estimated to be 811,600 as of the middle of April, 1984. That figure represented a net monthly gain of 1,900 people (+0.2 percent). The durable goods sector added 800 workers (+0.3 percent) over the month as two of its industry groups enjoyed fairly good net growth: furniture and fixtures (+300) and electrical machinery (+300). The nondurable goods sector rose by 1,100 persons (+0.2 percent) over the month as several of its industry groups exhibited modest net gains: food and kindred products (+400), textile mill products (+300), and rubber and miscellaneous plastic products (+300).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT UP SIGNIFICANTLY: In the middle of April, 1984, nonmanufacturing employment in North Carolina was estimated to be 1,663,300. That was a net over-the-month gain of 8,000 workers (+0.5 percent). Six of the seven industry groups experienced increases with these three being the largest: trade (+3,000), construction (+2,100), and service and miscellaneous (+1,900). Those advances were all seasonal in nature.

BOTH MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING WELL AHEAD OF LAST YEAR: The State's manufacturing employment in April, 1984, was 36,600 (+4.7 percent) above one year ago as almost all of the industry groups registered growth. These were the four largest: electrical machinery (+6,400), furniture and fixtures (+5,400), textile mill products (+4,100), and nonelectrical machinery (+3,800). All seven of North Carolina's nonmanufacturing industry groups enjoyed increases over the year for a collective total of 59,900 (+3.7 percent). Several of the gains were quite large: trade (+25,900), construction (+12,900), government (+9,000), and service and miscellaneous (+5,300).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES NOTICEABLY: During the middle of April, 1984, total unemployment in the State was estimated to be 186,800. That figure represented a net monthly drop of 27,300 persons (-12.8 percent). As a result, North Carolina's unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from a revised March level of 7.2 percent to 6.3 percent in April. In April, 1983, the unemployment situation was much worse because there were 287,300 jobless people for a rate of 9.8 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.6 percent in April, 1984, 8.1 percent in March, 1984, and 10.0 percent twelve months ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.8 percent this April and March and 10.2 percent one year ago.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/
April, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	April 2/ 1984	March 3/ 1984	April 1983	March, 1984		April, 1983	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,984,800	2,955,600	2,932,300	+ 29,200	+ 1.0	+ 52,500	+ 1.8
Employment, Total	2,798,000	2,741,500	2,645,000	+ 56,500	+ 2.1	+ 153,000	+ 5.8
Agricultural Employment	57,100	46,400	61,400	+ 10,700	+ 23.1	- 4,300	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,333,800	2,405,300	2,298,100	+ 39,500	+ 1.6	+ 146,700	+ 6.4
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	296,100	289,800	285,500	+ 6,300	+ 2.2	+ 10,600	+ 3.7
Unemployment, Total	186,800	214,100	287,300	- 27,300	- 12.8	- 100,500	- 35.0
State Unadjusted Rate	6.3	7.2	9.8	- 0.9	XXX	- 3.5	XXX
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.6	8.1	10.0	- 0.5	XXX	- 2.4	XXX
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.8	7.8	10.2	0	XXX	- 2.4	XXX

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions.

2/ Preliminary estimates.

3/ Revised estimates.

4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.

5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

BOTH HOURLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED RISE: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing productions workers increased by 4¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) to $6.98 from mid-March to mid-April of this year. Over the year, the average rose by 33¢ an hour (+5.0 percent). The durable goods sector experienced a modest net monthly gain of 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) to hit $7.18 in April, 1984. Since April of 1983, the average in durable goods has jumped by 37¢ an hour (+5.4 percent). Primary metals led the way in durable goods with an impressive net monthly surge of 52¢ an hour (+6.6 percent) to climb to $8.41. Machinery, except electrical was a distant second with a net over-the-month gain of 9¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) to reach $8.17 in April. The nondurable goods sector enjoyed good net monthly growth of 6¢ an hour (+0.9 percent) to arrive at $6.87 in April. During the past twelve months, the average in nondurable goods has stayed just ahead of the cost of living, rising by 30¢ an hour (+4.6 percent). The nondurable goods industry which exhibited the largest net over-the-month gain was paper and allied products, up by 17¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) to $10.54. Food and kindred products and tobacco manufacturing tied for second, each rising by 8¢ an hour from March to April, 1984. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees increased by $2.30 (+0.8 percent) to $281.29 from the middle of March to the middle of April of this year. Also, the current average is $16.62 (+6.3 percent) above April, 1983. Average weekly hours edged forward by 0.1 of an hour to 40.3 in April of this year. That was 0.5 of an hour above one year ago.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX CONTINUES TO CLIMB: According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 308.8 in April, 1984. That was a monthly increase of 0.5 percent and a yearly gain of 4.5 percent. The cost of transportation rose the most over the month, up by 0.9 percent. Entertainment was a close second with a monthly gain of 0.8 percent. Housing followed with a rise of 0.5 percent from March to April, 1984. The rest of the principal groups experienced some kind of over-the-month increase. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $308.80 in April, 1984.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS DECLINES OVER THE MONTH: There were 151,224 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of April 30, 1984. That was a significant net monthly drop of 10,558 persons (-6.5 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine sector was once again the largest with 93,637 or 62.0 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four year olds followed with 25,440 or 16.8 percent. As is invariably the case, the fifty-five and over segment had the fewest applicants with 8,200 or 5.4 percent of the total. Females comprised the majority of the active applicants with 76,606 or 50.7 percent of the total. Also, most of the active applicants were white, not Hispanic, numbering 86,249 or 57.0 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of April 30, 1984.

Statewide Active Applicant File
April 30, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	151,224	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	23,947	15.8
22-39	93,637	62.0
40-54	25,440	16.8
55 and Over	8,200	5.4
Sex		
Male	74,618	49.3
Female	76,606	50.7
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	86,249	57.0
Black, not Hispanic	61,979	41.0
Hispanic	611	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,603	1.1
Other Races and Undetermined	782	0.5
Eligible Claimant	59,212	39.2
Veteran	26,150	17.3
Handicapped	9,469	6.3
Welfare	19,226	12.7
Seasonal Farmworker	1,195	0.8

JOB OPENINGS RISE IN APRIL: There were 18,233 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State during the month of April, 1984, a net over-the-month gain of 685 (+3.9 percent). A good percentage of those job openings was filled (69.4 percent or 12,655). The category with the largest number of job openings received in April was service, which had 3,141. Most of those openings were filled (2,171 or 69.1 percent). Next came structural work with 2,797 job openings received and 1,872 or 66.9 percent filled. The miscellaneous group was third with 2,455 job openings received and 1,904 or 77.6 percent filled. As is often the case, processing had the fewest job openings received in April, 1984, with 716; however, most of those were filled (441 or 61.6 percent). From October 1, 1983, through April 30, 1984, there were 115,153 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. The majority of those job openings was filled (88,361 or 76.7 percent). As of April 30, 1984, there were 13,442 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. Most of those job openings (7,244 or 53.9 percent) have been open for thirty days or more and have therefore been classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings for April, 1984, and for the fiscal year to date.

Statewide Job Openings Data

	April, 1984		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of April 30, 1984	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	737	277	5,342	2,248	1,264	817
Clerical	2,187	1,339	14,521	9,102	1,987	950
Sales	875	392	5,409	3,300	961	515
Service	3,141	2,171	17,566	13,032	2,319	1,195
Domestic	302	244	1,519	1,309	72	31
Other Services	2,839	1,927	16,047	11,723	2,247	1,164
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	1,784	1,536	14,777	14,209	200	92
Processing	716	441	4,124	3,578	533	252
Machine Trades	1,401	950	9,737	7,243	1,286	744
Bench Work	2,140	1,773	12,996	11,406	1,463	933
Structural Work	2,797	1,872	16,330	12,013	2,278	1,223
Miscellaneous	2,455	1,904	14,351	12,230	1,151	523
Motor Freight and Trans.	549	309	3,072	2,051	417	190
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,832	1,549	10,847	9,918	666	293
Other	74	46	432	261	68	40
Total	18,233	12,655	115,153	88,361	13,442	7,244

1/ October 1, 1983, through April 30, 1984.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

April, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	April 1984 (thous)	March 1984 (thous)	April 1983 (thous)	March 1984	April 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2474.9	2465.0	2378.4	+0.4	+ 4.1
MANUFACTURING	811.6	809.7	775.0	+0.2	+ 4.7
DURABLE GOODS	315.7	314.9	290.8	+0.3	+ 8.6
Lumber & Wood Products	35.3	35.6	33.4	-0.8	+ 5.7
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.3	13.4	12.3	-0.7	+ 8.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.6	7.8	+1.2	+11.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.7	3.9	3.6	-5.1	+ 2.8
Furniture & Fixtures	83.2	82.9	77.8	+0.4	+ 6.9
Household Furniture	74.0	73.9	69.6	+0.1	+ 6.3
Wood Household Furniture	37.7	37.5	35.7	+0.5	+ 5.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.1	31.2	29.1	-0.3	+ 6.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.4	18.3	16.0	+0.5	+15.0
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.5	2.1	+4.0	+23.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.9	4.8	4.4	+2.1	+11.4
Primary Metal Industries	10.2	10.1	8.9	+1.0	+14.6
Fabricated Metal Products	24.2	24.0	23.4	+0.8	+ 3.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.0	8.6	+2.5	- 4.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.5	52.7	48.7	-0.4	+ 7.8
Special Industry Machinery	7.9	8.0	7.1	-1.3	+11.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	57.8	57.5	51.4	+0.5	+12.5
Household Appliances	5.5	5.4	4.0	+1.9	+37.5
Transportation Equipment	19.1	19.0	16.7	+0.5	+14.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.0	14.8	14.5	+1.4	+ 3.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	495.9	494.8	484.2	+0.2	+ 2.4
Food & Kindred Products	43.2	42.8	42.5	+0.9	+ 1.6
Meat Products	17.1	17.0	16.4	+0.6	+ 4.3
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.6	2.5	-3.8	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.3	6.3	6.5	0	- 3.1
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.5	21.5	22.1	0	- 2.7
Cigarettes	18.4	18.4	18.8	0	- 2.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.4	2.5	2.6	-4.0	- 7.7
Textile Mill Products	225.5	225.2	221.4	+0.1	+ 1.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	61.9	61.9	62.6	0	- 1.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	32.4	32.6	33.7	-0.6	- 3.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.3	29.0	28.6	+1.0	+ 2.4
Knitting Mills	80.3	80.3	77.0	0	+ 4.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.7	23.9	21.6	-0.8	+ 9.7
Hosiery, NEC	22.7	22.5	22.3	+0.9	+ 1.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.1	15.0	14.7	+0.7	+ 2.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.2	7.1	6.3	+1.4	+14.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.7	14.7	14.4	0	+ 2.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.2	55.1	54.3	+0.2	+ 1.7

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

April, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	April 1984 (thous)	March 1984 (thous)	April 1983 (thous)	March 1984	April 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.8	87.6	84.5	+0.2	+ 3.9
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.8	27.7	26.7	+0.4	+ 4.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.4	41.4	39.9	0	+ 3.8
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.4	22.0	-0.4	+ 1.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.8	10.8	-0.9	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.2	7.2	6.9	0	+ 4.3
Printing & Publishing	23.4	23.5	22.5	-0.4	+ 4.0
Newspapers	9.0	8.9	8.4	+1.1	+ 7.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	38.1	38.0	37.8	+0.3	+ 0.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.9	13.9	13.9	0	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.0	28.7	25.8	+1.0	+12.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.1	5.1	5.6	0	- 8.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1663.3	1655.3	1603.4	+0.5	+ 3.7
MINING	4.5	4.4	4.3	+2.3	+ 4.7
CONSTRUCTION	119.0	116.9	106.1	+1.8	+12.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.2	120.6	118.5	+0.5	+ 2.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	61.3	60.7	58.5	+1.0	+ 4.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.9	54.8	54.9	+0.2	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	518.3	515.3	492.4	+0.6	+ 5.3
Wholesale Trade	121.0	121.0	118.0	0	+ 2.5
Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods	72.4	72.5	69.2	-0.1	+ 4.6
Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods	48.6	48.5	48.8	+0.2	- 0.4
Retail Trade	397.3	394.3	374.4	+0.8	+ 6.1
General Merchandise Stores	54.2	54.0	51.3	+0.4	+ 5.7
Variety Stores	11.6	11.5	10.7	+0.9	+ 8.4
Food Stores	64.5	64.4	62.8	+0.2	+ 2.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.0	102.7	99.1	+0.3	+ 3.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	371.9	370.0	366.6	+0.5	+ 1.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.4	20.3	20.4	+5.4	+ 4.9
Personal Services	24.4	24.5	24.3	-0.4	+ 0.4
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	9.9	10.0	0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	425.4	425.4	416.4	0	+ 2.2
Federal	50.1	50.1	49.2	0	+ 1.8
State	127.1	127.0	123.5	+0.1	+ 2.9
Education	68.9	68.8	64.5	+0.1	+ 6.8
Other	58.2	58.2	59.0	0	- 1.4
Local	248.2	248.3	243.7	-0.04	+ 1.8
Education	138.7	138.8	134.8	-0.1	+ 2.9
Other	109.5	109.5	108.9	0	- 0.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

APRIL, 1984

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	April 1984 (Thous.)	March 1984 (Thous.)	April 1983 (Thous.)	March 1984	April 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2474.5	2475.7	2378.0	*	+ 4.1
MANUFACTURING	815.2	813.5	778.4	+ 0.2	+ 4.7
DURABLE GOODS	316.6	316.2	291.5	+ 0.1	+ 8.6
Lumber & Wood Products	35.6	36.2	33.7	- 1.7	+ 5.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.3	13.5	12.3	- 1.5	+ 8.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.8	8.7	8.2	+ 1.1	+ 7.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.7	4.1	3.6	- 9.8	+ 2.8
Furniture & Fixtures	82.9	83.0	77.5	- 0.1	+ 7.0
Household Furniture	73.6	74.1	69.3	- 0.7	+ 6.2
Wood Household Furniture	37.3	37.7	35.3	- 1.1	+ 5.7
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.2	31.2	29.2	0	+ 6.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.6	18.7	16.1	- 0.5	+ 15.5
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.2	+ 3.8	+ 22.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.9	4.9	4.4	0	+ 11.4
Primary Metal Industries	10.2	10.1	8.9	+ 1.0	+ 14.6
Fabricated Metal Products	24.6	24.3	23.8	+ 1.2	+ 3.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.4	8.1	8.8	+ 3.7	- 4.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.7	52.8	48.8	- 0.2	+ 8.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.9	8.0	7.1	- 1.2	+ 11.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	58.2	57.3	51.7	+ 1.6	+ 12.6
Household Appliances	6.0	5.8	4.4	+ 3.4	+ 27.3
Transportation Equipment	18.9	19.0	16.6	- 0.5	+ 13.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.8	14.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	498.6	497.3	486.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Food & Kindred Products	43.8	43.5	43.1	+ 0.7	+ 1.6
Meat Products	17.3	17.0	16.6	+ 1.8	+ 4.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.6	2.5	- 3.8	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.4	6.4	6.6	0	- 3.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.4	22.9	24.1	+ 2.2	- 2.9
Cigarettes	18.5	18.4	19.0	+ 0.5	- 2.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.1	3.7	4.4	+10.8	- 6.8
Textile Mill Products	225.3	225.4	221.2	*	+ 1.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	61.8	61.8	62.5	0	- 1.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	32.4	32.4	33.7	0	- 3.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.3	28.9	28.6	+ 1.4	+ 2.4
Knitting Mills	80.4	80.6	77.0	- 0.2	+ 4.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.8	24.1	21.7	- 1.2	+ 9.7
Hosiery, NEC	22.7	22.6	22.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.9	14.8	14.5	+ 0.7	+ 2.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	7.2	6.3	- 1.4	- 12.7
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.8	14.6	14.5	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.2	55.2	54.3	0	+ 1.7

* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

APRIL, 1984

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	April 1984 (Thous.)	March 1984 (Thous.)	April 1983 (Thous.)	March 1984	April 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.5	88.2	85.1	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	28.2	28.2	27.0	0	+ 4.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.5	41.6	40.0	- 0.2	+ 3.8
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.3	22.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.8	10.9	0	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.2	7.2	6.9	0	+ 4.3
Printing & Publishing	23.2	23.1	22.3	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
Newspapers	9.0	8.9	8.4	+ 1.1	+ 7.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.8	37.7	37.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.8	13.8		0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.1	29.1	25.9	0	+ 12.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.1	5.1	5.6	0	- 8.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1659.3	1662.2	1599.6	- 0.2	+ 3.7
MINING	4.5	4.4	4.3	+ 2.3	+ 4.7
CONSTRUCTION	121.1	121.4	107.9	- 0.2	+ 12.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.7	121.0	119.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	61.6	60.8	58.8	+ 1.3	+ 4.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	55.0	55.1	+ 0.2	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	524.9	526.6	498.7	- 0.3	+ 5.3
Wholesale Trade	122.8	122.6	119.8	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	72.5	72.5	69.3	0	+ 4.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	50.3	50.1	50.5	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Retail Trade	402.1	404.0	378.9	- 0.5	+ 6.1
General Merchandise Stores	56.2	56.4	53.1	- 0.4	+ 5.8
Variety Stores	12.0	12.0	11.0	0	+ 9.1
Food Stores	65.5	65.2	63.7	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.6	103.4	99.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	371.5	373.4	366.4	- 0.5	+ 1.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.9	22.4	20.8	- 2.2	+ 5.3
Personal Services	23.6	23.6	23.5	0	+ 0.4
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.1	10.1	- 1.0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	412.0	412.0	403.6	0	+ 2.1
Federal	50.1	50.3	49.2	- 0.4	+ 1.8
State	122.6	122.0	119.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Education	64.4	63.7	60.3	+ 1.1	+ 6.8
Other	58.2	58.3	59.0	- 0.2	- 1.4
Local	239.3	239.7	235.1	- 0.2	+ 4.2
Education	129.0	129.4	125.4	- 0.3	+ 3.6
Other	110.3	110.3	109.7	0	+ 0.5

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

April, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	March 1984	April 1983
MANUFACTURING	651.6	649.7	617.9	+ 0.3	+ 5.5
DURABLE GOODS	241.2	240.7	219.3	+ 0.2	+ 10.0
Lumber & Wood Products	30.0	30.3	28.7	- 1.0	+ 4.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.7	7.6	6.8	+ 1.3	+ 13.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.0	3.2	3.0	- 6.2	0
Furniture & Fixtures	74.3	74.1	69.0	+ 0.3	+ 7.7
Household Furniture	66.9	66.7	62.5	+ 0.3	+ 7.0
Wood Household Furniture	34.8	34.7	32.9	+ 0.3	+ 5.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.1	15.0	12.7	+ 0.7	+ 18.9
Structural Clay Products	2.0	2.0	1.6	0	+ 25.0
Primary Metal Industries	7.6	7.6	6.5	0	+ 16.9
Fabricated Metal Products	18.1	17.9	17.2	+ 1.1	+ 5.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.1	27.3	24.8	- 0.7	+ 9.3
Special Industry Machinery	5.2	5.3	4.8	- 1.9	+ 8.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	42.0	41.8	36.1	+ 0.5	+ 16.3
Household Appliances	4.8	4.8	3.3	0	+ 45.5
Transportation Equipment	15.6	15.5	13.4	+ 0.6	+ 16.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	410.4	409.0	398.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Food & Kindred Products	29.7	29.2	29.3	+ 1.7	+ 1.4
Meat Products	15.1	14.9	14.4	+ 1.3	+ 4.9
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Bakery Products	4.6	4.5	4.6	+ 2.2	0
Beverages	2.3	2.3	2.7	0	- 14.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	16.9	16.9	17.2	0	- 1.7
Cigarettes	14.8	14.7	15.0	+ 0.7	- 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 5.9	- 5.9
Textile Mill Products	201.5	201.0	196.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	56.3	56.1	55.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	29.5	29.7	30.1	- 0.7	- 2.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.6	26.3	25.6	+ 1.1	+ 3.9
Knitting Mills	71.0	70.8	67.9	+ 0.3	+ 4.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.9	21.2	19.0	- 1.4	+ 10.0
Hosiery, NEC	20.8	20.6	20.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.9	12.8	12.6	+ 0.8	+ 2.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.3	6.2	5.4	+ 1.6	+ 16.7
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.3	12.3	12.0	0	+ 2.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.8	50.7	49.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.4	77.3	74.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.0
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.2	25.1	24.2	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.7	35.7	34.3	0	+ 4.1
Paper & Allied Products	17.0	17.1	16.8	- 0.6	+ 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.9	7.9	7.9	0	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.6	5.3	0	+ 5.7
Printing & Publishing	14.2	14.4	13.8	- 1.4	+ 2.9
Newspapers	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 6.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.5	25.3	24.8	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	10.1	10.0	9.7	+ 1.0	+ 4.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	23.8	23.4	20.7	+ 1.7	+ 15.0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.4	4.4	4.9	0	- 10.2

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

April, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983
MANUFACTURING	$281.29	$278.99	$264.67	40.3	40.2	39.8	$ 6.98	$ 6.94	$ 6.65
DURABLE GOODS	293.66	292.84	268.31	40.9	40.9	39.4	7.18	7.16	6.81
Lumber & Wood Products	240.08	236.93	224.96	40.9	40.5	40.1	5.87	5.85	5.61
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	233.70	238.78	216.45	41.0	41.6	39.0	5.70	5.74	5.55
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	270.19	260.55	246.02	41.0	39.9	40.2	6.59	6.53	6.12
Furniture & Fixtures	238.78	240.63	222.09	38.7	39.0	37.9	6.17	6.17	5.86
Household Furniture	236.54	239.24	222.30	38.4	38.9	38.0	6.16	6.15	5.85
Wood Household Furniture	230.10	234.42	219.01	39.0	39.8	38.9	5.90	5.89	5.63
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	311.50	311.50	301.08	41.7	41.7	41.3	7.47	7.47	7.29
Structural Clay Products	266.91	261.27	238.79	43.9	43.4	41.1	6.08	6.02	5.81
Primary Metal Industries	380.13	355.84	325.98	45.2	45.1	42.5	8.41	7.89	7.67
Fabricated Metal Products	314.11	325.26	301.90	40.9	41.7	40.2	7.68	7.80	7.51
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	350.49	338.55	321.18	42.9	41.9	40.4	8.17	8.08	7.95
Special Industry Machinery	307.33	308.16	278.32	41.7	41.7	39.2	7.37	7.39	7.10
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	350.26	349.86	312.84	42.2	42.0	39.7	8.30	8.33	7.88
Household Appliances	260.00	261.87	234.04	40.0	40.6	39.6	6.50	6.45	5.91
Transportation Equipment	330.84	334.19	299.63	42.8	42.9	40.6	7.73	7.79	7.38
NONDURABLE GOODS	274.11	271.04	262.80	39.9	39.8	40.0	6.87	6.81	6.57
Food & Kindred Products	242.79	243.59	244.55	37.7	38.3	39.7	6.44	6.36	6.16
Meat Products	187.34	191.89	200.26	34.5	35.8	38.0	5.43	5.36	5.27
Meat Packing	331.55	321.57	327.33	41.6	40.5	42.4	7.97	7.94	7.72
Dairy Products	267.59	265.55	259.06	43.3	42.9	42.4	6.18	6.19	6.11
Grain Mill Products	294.19	290.44	286.01	43.2	42.4	43.8	6.81	6.85	6.53
Bakery Products	295.48	276.97	272.39	42.7	41.4	42.1	6.92	6.69	6.47
Beverages	485.62	479.98	439.50	45.3	44.9	43.3	10.72	10.69	10.15
Tobacco Manufacturers	470.32	446.52	436.97	38.3	36.6	37.8	12.28	12.20	11.56
Cigarettes	509.44	485.45	466.73	38.8	37.4	38.1	13.13	12.98	12.25
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	177.89	163.76	168.80	33.5	29.4	34.1	5.31	5.57	4.95
Textile Mill Products	253.66	252.05	246.64	40.2	40.2	40.7	6.31	6.27	6.06
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	273.14	269.01	265.06	39.3	39.1	40.1	6.95	6.88	6.61
Weaving Mills, Cotton	251.95	256.78	261.46	36.2	37.0	39.2	6.96	6.94	6.67
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	297.03	283.03	269.21	42.8	41.5	41.1	6.94	6.82	6.55
Knitting Mills	226.01	224.46	227.03	38.7	38.7	39.9	5.84	5.80	5.69
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	202.02	206.05	208.29	37.0	37.6	39.3	5.46	5.48	5.30
Hosiery, NEC	211.27	217.55	208.68	37.0	37.9	37.6	5.71	5.74	5.55
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	254.47	250.57	265.64	40.2	39.9	42.3	6.33	6.28	6.28
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	294.81	280.58	297.07	44.6	43.3	46.2	6.61	6.48	6.43
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	297.69	295.68	271.36	44.9	44.8	42.4	6.63	6.60	6.40
Yarn & Thread Mills	252.51	253.95	242.76	41.6	41.7	42.0	6.07	6.09	5.78
Apparel & Other Textile Products	192.41	190.76	178.82	38.1	38.0	37.1	5.05	5.02	4.82
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	195.30	189.30	175.64	37.8	36.9	35.7	5.18	5.13	4.92
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	179.04	180.00	171.49	37.3	37.5	37.2	4.80	4.80	4.61
Paper & Allied Products	465.87	447.98	443.85	44.2	43.2	43.6	10.54	10.37	10.18
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	584.77	557.66	526.50	45.9	44.4	45.0	12.74	12.56	11.70
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	347.31	328.75	318.63	44.3	43.2	43.0	7.84	7.61	7.41
Printing & Publishing	304.62	302.71	286.26	40.4	40.2	39.0	7.54	7.53	7.34
Newspapers	278.43	277.29	261.46	35.2	35.1	34.0	7.91	7.90	7.69
Chemicals & Allied Products	358.97	355.66	361.09	40.7	40.6	41.6	8.82	8.76	8.68
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	405.49	394.63	416.67	41.0	40.6	43.0	9.89	9.72	3.69
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	373.22	370.64	334.15	42.8	42.7	40.9	8.72	8.68	8.17
MINING	318.78	317.12	265.18	42.0	41.4	38.1	7.59	7.66	6.96
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	448.52	444.29	415.71	41.3	41.1	41.2	10.86	10.81	10.09
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	195.14	192.79	196.13	33.3	32.9	33.7	5.86	5.86	5.82
Wholesale Trade	294.97	292.64	270.66	39.7	39.6	39.0	7.43	7.39	6.94
Retail Trade	168.43	165.76	164.12	31.6	31.1	31.5	5.33	5.33	5.21
General Merchandise Stores	150.30	146.79	144.00	30.0	29.3	30.0	5.01	5.01	4.80
Variety Stores	124.97	122.40	118.69	31.8	30.6	31.4	3.93	4.00	3.78
Food Stores	190.48	188.69	187.66	31.8	31.5	31.7	5.99	5.99	4.92
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	126.90	123.06	131.46	30.0	29.3	31.6	4.23	4.20	4.16
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	179.17	175.58	168.35	35.2	34.7	35.0	5.09	5.06	4.81

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

MAY, 1984

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
May, 1984

Total Employment Increases Noticeably: North Carolina's total employment was estimated to be 2,841,000 in mid-May, 1984. That figure represented a net over-the-month gain of 41,600 persons (+1.5 percent). Each of the three main employment segments contributed to the monthly growth. The nonagricultural wage and salary employment sector experienced the largest net over-the-month increase, rising by 34,400 people (+1.4 percent). Agricultural employment was next, up seasonally by 6,800 workers (+11.9 percent). Finally, the "all other" nonagricultural employment category registered a small net monthly gain of just 400 persons (+0.1 percent).

Manufacturing Employment Suffers Small Decline: As of the middle of May of this year, manufacturing employment in the State was estimated to be 812,200. That was a slight net over-the-month drop of 100 workers. The durable goods segment did enjoy a net monthly increase of 1,200 people, however, as six of its nine industry groups showed positive movement. Nonelectrical machinery (+800 or +1.5 percent) and lumber and wood (+500 or +1.4 percent) were the two largest. The loss of 1,300 workers in the nondurable goods segment more than offset the gain in durables. Textile mill products fell by 1,400 persons (-0.6 percent) due to a layoff and to a general decline in business. On the other hand, rubber and miscellaneous plastic products added 500 workers (+1.7 percent) due to a general increase in all areas.

Nonmanufacturing Employment Rises Over The Month: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment was estimated to be 1,673,000 in mid-May of this year. That was a net monthly increase of 8,900 people (+0.5 percent). Most of the growth occurred in the following two industry groups: trade (+6,100) and construction (+2,300). Those large gains were for the most part seasonal.

Both Manufacturing And Nonmanufacturing Far Above One Year Ago: In May, 1984, manufacturing employment in North Carolina was 31,400 (+4.0 percent) above twelve months ago as all of the industry groups except two enjoyed increases. The four largest were these: electrical machinery (+5,700), nonelectrical machinery (+4,700), furniture and fixtures (+4,500), and rubber and miscellaneous plastic products (+3,500). Nonmanufacturing employment this May was 62,400 (+3.9 percent) above one year ago as each of the industry groups experienced some kind of increase. These were the four largest: trade (+26,600), government (+12,100), construction (+10,900), and service and miscellaneous (+6,700).

Total Unemployment Drops Significantly: North Carolina's total unemployment was estimated to be 175,400 during the middle of May, 1984. That was a net over-the-month decline of 11,500 people (-6.2 percent). Consequently, the unadjusted rate of unemployment in the State decreased from 6.3 percent in April to 5.8 percent in May. The unemployment conditions were much worse one year ago (May, 1983) when there were 280,300 persons out of work and the rate was 9.5 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.2 percent in May, 1984, 7.6 percent in April, 1984, and 9.8 percent in May, 1983. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.5 percent this May, 7.8 percent in April, and 10.1 percent twelve months ago.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

May, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
				April, 1984		May, 1983	
	May 2/ 1984	April 3/ 1984	May 1983	Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	3,016,400	2,986,300	2,940,700	+ 30,100	+ 1.0	+ 75,700	+ 2.6
Employment, Total	2,841,000	2,799,400	2,660,400	+ 41,600	+ 1.5	+ 180,600	+ 6.8
Agricultural Employment	63,900	57,100	68,700	+ 6,800	+ 11.9	- 4,800	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,480,400	2,446,000	2,303,500	+ 34,400	+ 1.4	+ 176,900	+ 7.7
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	296,700	296,300	288,200	+ 400	+ 0.1	+ 8,500	+ 2.9
Unemployment, Total	175,400	186,900	280,300	- 11,500	- 6.2	- 104,900	- 37.4
State Unadjusted Rate	5.8	6.3	9.5	- 0.5	xxx	- 3.7	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.2	7.6	9.8	- 0.4	xxx	- 2.6	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.5	7.8	10.1	- 0.3	xxx	- 2.6	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

Hourly Earnings Remain Constant While Hours Worked Fall Slightly: From the middle of April to the middle of May, 1984, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing productive employees stayed the same at $6.97. There was, however, an increase of 34¢ an hour (+5.1 percent) over May of 1983. The durable goods segment recorded a small net over-the-month rise of 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) to reach $7.19 this May. During the past twelve months, the durable goods sector has gained 40¢ an hour (+5.9 percent). The durable goods industry which enjoyed the largest net over-the-month increase was electrical machinery, up by 16¢ an hour (+1.9 percent) to arrive at $8.49. Primary and fabricated metals each rose by 7¢ an hour (+0.9 percent) to tie for the second largest monthly growth in durable goods. The nondurable goods segment suffered a slight loss of 2¢ an hour (-0.3 percent) to fall to $6.83 in May, 1984. Over the year, the nondurable goods sector experienced a modest gain of 29¢ an hour (+4.4 percent). Tobacco manufacturing led the way in nondurables with a good net monthly increase of 24¢ an hour (+2.0 percent) to hit $12.52. Printing and publishing followed with a net over-the- month rise of 7¢ an hour (+0.9 percent) to $7.61 in May of this year. From mid-April to mid-May, 1984 the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers sustained a decrease of $1.39 (-0.5 percent) to drop to $279.50. However, the present level is $14.30 (+5.4 percent) more than May of last year. Average weekly hours stood at 40.1 in May, 1984. That was a slight drop of 0.2 of an hour over the month but still ahead of last May by 0.1 of an hour.

Consumer Price Index Rises Over The Month: The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 309.7 in May, 1984, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That figure represented an over-the-month gain of 0.3 percent and an over-the-year increase of 4.2 percent. Transportation again experienced the largest monthly surge, climbing by 0.8 percent. The cost of housing was next, up by 0.4 percent. Medical care was a close third with an over-the-month increase of 0.3 percent. Several of the main categories recorded monthly declines: food and beverages (-0.3 percent), apparel and upkeep (-0.2 percent), and entertainment (-0.1 percent). The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, fell to 32.3¢ in May, 1984.

The Number of Job Applicants Increases In May: As of May 31, 1984 there were 152,773 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State. That was a modest net over-the-month gain of 1,549 people (+1.0 percent). The largest applicant segment by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine which had 92,735 or 60.7 percent of the total. Next came the twenty-one and under group with 27,238 or 17.8 percent. The smallest number of active applicants was seen in the fifty-five and over sector with 7,925 or 5.2 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females, numbering 78,441 or 51.3 percent of the total. Also, whites who were not Hispanics made up the largest ethnic group with a count of 85,211 or 55.8 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of May 31, 1984.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE
May 31, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	152,773	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	27,238	17.8
22 - 39	92,735	60.7
40-54	24,875	16.3
55 and Over	7,925	5.2
Sex		
Male	74,332	48.7
Female	78,441	51.3
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	85,211	55.8
Black, not Hispanic	64,199	42.0
Hispanic	827	0.5
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,658	1.1
Other Races and Undetermined	878	0.6
Eligible Claimants	56,371	36.9
Veteran	26,269	17.2
Handicapped	9,456	6.2
Welfare	19,896	13.0
Seasonal Farmworker	1,728	1.1

The Number of Job Openings Jumps Over The Month: During the month of May, 1984, there were 24,425 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. That was a net monthly increase of 6,192 (+34.0 percent). Most of those job openings were filled (17,015 or 69.7 percent). Once again service had the largest number of job openings received with 3,766. A good percentage of those openings was filled (63.5 percent or 2,392). Farming, fishing, and forestry followed with 3,748 job openings received and 3,448 or 92.0 percent filled. Then came structural work with 3,368 job openings received in May and 2,452 or 72.8 percent filled. The smallest number of job openings received in May was in the professional, tehnical, and managerial category, which had 963. A rather small percentage of those was filled (35.0 percent or 337). There were 139,578 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State from October 1, 1983, through May 31, 1984. A high percentage of those job openings was filled (75.5 percent or 105,376). There were 15,933 unfilled non-agricultural job openings on file as of May 31, 1984. The majority of those job openings (8,163 or 51.2 percent) has been classified as hard-to-fill because they have been open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on North Carolina's job openings for May, 1984, and for the fiscal year to date.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	May, 1984		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of May 31, 1984	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	963	337	6,305	2,585	1,402	828
Clerical	2,424	1,381	16,945	10,483	2,161	1,037
Sales	1,030	431	6,439	3,731	1,161	559
Service	3,766	2,392	21,332	15,424	2,850	1,474
Domestic	335	268	1,854	1,577	110	40
Other Services	3,431	2,124	19,478	13,847	2,740	1,434
Farm, Fish., and Forest.	3,748	3,448	18,525	17,657	260	108
Processing	1,284	817	5,408	4,395	888	343
Machine Trades	1,920	1,331	11,657	8,574	1,449	817
Bench Work	2,881	2,246	15,877	13,652	1,772	1,041
Structural Work	3,368	2,452	19,698	14,465	2,433	1,283
Miscellaneous	3,041	2,180	17,392	14,410	1,557	673
Motor Freight and Trans.	696	410	3,768	2,461	481	221
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	2,258	1,718	13,105	11,636	996	408
Other	87	52	519	313	80	44
Total	24,425	17,015	139,578	105,376	15,933	8,163

1/ October 1, 1983, through May 31, 1984.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1984 (Thous.)	April 1984 (Thous.)	May 1983 (Thous.)	April 1984	May 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2485.2	2476.4	2391.4	+ 0.4	+ 3.9
MANUFACTURING	812.2	812.3	780.8	- 0.01	+ 4.0
DURABLE GOODS	317.6	316.4	294.2	+ 0.4	+ 8.0
Lumber & Wood Products	36.0	35.5	34.2	+ 1.4	+ 5.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.5	13.4	12.7	+ 0.7	+ 6.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.8	8.7	8.0	+ 1.1	+ 10.0
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.0	3.8	3.8	+ 5.3	+ 5.3
Furniture & Fixtures	82.5	83.1	78.0	- 0.7	+ 5.8
Household Furniture	73.1	74.0	69.6	- 1.2	+ 5.0
Wood Household Furniture	37.6	37.6	35.8	0	+ 5.0
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.6	31.1	29.3	- 1.6	+ 4.4
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.5	18.4	16.5	+ 0.5	+ 12.1
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.2	+ 3.8	+ 22.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.0	4.9	4.5	+ 2.0	+ 11.1
Primary Metal Industries	10.3	10.2	9.0	+ 1.0	+ 14.4
Fabricated Metal Products	24.2	24.2	23.6	0	+ 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.1	8.2	8.6	- 1.2	- 5.8
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	53.7	52.9	49.0	+ 1.5	+ 9.6
Special Industry Machinery	8.1	7.9	7.2	+ 2.5	+ 12.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	58.4	58.0	52.7	+ 0.7	+ 10.8
Household Appliances	5.5	5.5	5.1	0	+ 7.8
Transportation Equipment	18.9	19.1	16.9	- 1.0	+ 11.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.1	15.0	14.3	+ 0.7	+ 5.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	494.6	495.9	486.6	- 0.3	+ 1.6
Food & Kindred Products	43.4	43.2	42.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Meat Products	17.2	17.1	16.5	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.5	2.6	- 4.0	- 7.7
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.4	6.3	6.7	+ 1.6	- 4.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.2	21.5	22.1	- 1.4	- 4.1
Cigarettes	18.4	18.4	18.9	0	- 2.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.1	2.4	2.6	-12.5	- 19.2
Textile Mill Products	223.8	225.2	222.8	- 0.6	+ 0.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	61.3	61.7	62.8	- 0.6	- 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.9	32.1	33.8	- 0.6	- 5.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.3	29.3	28.8	0	+ 1.7
Knitting Mills	80.0	80.3	77.9	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.5	23.6	21.9	- 0.4	+ 7.3
Hosiery, NEC	22.7	22.7	22.4	0	+ 1.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.9	15.1	14.9	- 1.3	0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.2	7.2	6.5	0	+ 10.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.6	14.7	14.4	- 0.7	+ 1.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	54.8	55.4	54.6	- 1.1	+ 0.4

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1984 (Thous.)	April 1984 (Thous.)	May 1983 (Thous.)	April 1984	May 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.0	88.0	85.2	0	+ 3.3
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.9	27.8	26.7	+ 0.4	+ 4.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.8	41.7	40.3	+ 0.2	+ 3.7
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.4	21.9	0	+ 2.3
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.7	10.7	0	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.2	7.2	6.9	0	+ 4.3
Printing & Publishing	23.4	23.4	22.4	0	+ 4.5
Newspapers	9.0	9.0	8.5	0	+ 5.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.9	37.9	37.8	0	+ 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.8	13.9	0	- 1.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.6	29.1	26.1	+ 1.7	+ 13.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.9	5.2	5.6	- 5.8	- 12.5
NONMANUFACTURING	1673.0	1664.1	1610.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.9
MINING	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	- 2.3
CONSTRUCTION	121.2	118.9	110.3	+ 1.9	+ 9.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.7	121.1	119.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	61.5	61.2	59.3	+ 0.5	+ 3.7
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	54.8	54.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	525.1	519.0	498.5	+ 1.2	+ 5.3
Wholesale Trade	121.9	121.0	118.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	73.0	72.4	69.3	+ 0.8	+ 5.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	48.9	48.6	48.8	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	403.2	398.0	380.4	+ 1.3	+ 6.0
General Merchandise Stores	55.4	54.5	52.3	+ 1.7	+ 5.9
Variety Stores	11.8	11.7	11.0	+ 0.9	+ 7.3
Food Stores	65.3	64.5	63.5	+ 1.2	
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.6	103.0	99.9	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	372.1	372.2	365.4	- 0.03	+ 1.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.4	21.4	21.5	+ 4.7	+ 4.2
Personal Services	24.0	24.4	23.1	- 1.6	+ 3.9
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	9.9	9.9	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	424.8	425.4	412.7	- 0.1	+ 2.9
Federal	50.3	50.2	49.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
State	122.8	127.0	118.4	- 3.3	+ 3.7
Education	63.7	68.6	59.1	- 7.1	+ 7.8
Other	59.1	58.4	59.3	+ 1.2	- 0.3
Local	251.7	248.2	244.8	+ 1.4	+ 2.8
Education	138.8	138.6	134.7	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
Other	112.9	109.6	110.1	+ 3.0	+ 2.5

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May, 1984
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1984 (Thous)	April 1984 (Thous)	May 1983 (Thous)	April 1984	May 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,482.3	2,476.0	2,388.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.9
MANUFACTURING	815.9	815.9	784.2	0	+ 4.0
DURABLE GOODS	318.6	317.3	295.0	+ 0.4	+ 8.0
Lumber & Wood Products	35.9	35.8	34.1	+ 0.3	+ 5.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.4	13.4	12.6	0	+ 6.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.8	8.8	8.2	0	+ 7.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.0	3.8	3.8	+ 5.3	+ 5.3
Furniture & Fixtures	82.7	82.8	78.1	- 0.1	+ 5.9
Household Furniture	73.2	73.6	69.8	- 0.5	+ 4.9
Wood Household Furniture	37.4	37.2	35.6	+ 0.5	+ 5.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.7	31.2	29.4	- 1.6	+ 4.4
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.5	18.6	16.4	- 0.5	+12.8
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.7	2.1	- 3.7	+23.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.9	4.9	4.4	0	+11.4
Primary Metal Industries	10.2	10.2	8.9	0	+14.6
Fabricated Metal Products	24.5	24.6	23.9	- 0.4	+ 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.4	8.7	- 2.4	- 5.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.3	53.1	49.5	+ 2.3	+ 9.7
Special Industry Machinery	8.1	7.9	7.2	+ 2.5	+12.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	58.7	58.4	53.0	+ 0.5	+10.8
Household Appliances	5.8	6.0	5.4	- 3.3	+ 7.4
Transportation Equipment	18.6	18.9	16.7	- 1.6	+11.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.2	14.9	14.4	+ 2.0	+ 5.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	497.3	498.6	489.2	- 0.3	+ 1.7
Food & Kindred Products	43.8	43.8	43.1	0	+ 1.6
Meat Products	17.3	17.3	16.6	0	+ 4.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.5	2.6	- 4.0	- 7.7
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.3	6.4	6.6	- 1.6	- 4.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.3	23.4	24.3	- 0.4	- 4.1
Cigarettes	18.6	18.4	19.1	+ 0.5	- 2.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.7	4.1	4.6	- 9.8	-19.6
Textile Mill Products	223.8	225.0	222.8	- 0.5	+ 0.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	61.5	61.6	63.0	- 0.2	- 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton	32.1	32.1	34.0	0	- 5.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.3	29.3	28.8	0	+ 1.7
Knitting Mills	79.6	80.4	77.5	- 1.0	+ 2.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.6	23.7	22.0	- 0.4	+ 7.3
Hosiery, NEC	22.7	22.7	22.4	0	+ 1.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.7	14.9	14.7	- 1.3	0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	7.1	6.4	0	+10.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.6	14.8	14.4	- 1.4	+ 1.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	54.6	55.4	54.5	- 1.4	+ 0.2

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/
May, 1984
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1984 (Thous)	April 1984 (Thous)	May 1983 (Thous)	April 1984	May 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.2	88.7	85.3	- 0.6	+ 3.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	28.2	28.2	26.9	0	+ 4.8
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.8	41.8	40.3	0	+ 3.7
Paper & Allied Products	22.6	22.5	22.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.8	10.8	0	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.2	7.0	+ 1.4	+ 4.3
Printing & Publishing	23.4	23.2	22.4	+ 0.9	+ 4.5
Newspapers	9.0	9.0	8.5	0	+ 5.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.7	37.6	37.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.6	13.7	13.8	- 0.7	- 1.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.6	29.2	26.1	+ 1.4	+13.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.9	5.2	5.5	- 5.8	-10.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1,666.4	1,660.1	1,604.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.9
MINING	4.4	4.5	4.3	- 2.2	+ 2.3
CONSTRUCTION	120.1	121.0	109.3	- 0.7	+ 9.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.5	121.6	119.2	- 0.1	+ 1.9
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	61.4	61.5	59.2	- 0.2	+ 3.7
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	55.0	54.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	527.8	525.6	501.1	+ 0.4	+ 5.3
Wholesale Trade	123.8	122.8	120.0	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	73.1	72.5	69.4	+ 0.8	+ 5.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	50.7	50.3	50.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	404.0	402.8	381.1	+ 0.3	+ 6.0
General Merchandise Stores	56.7	56.5	53.6	+ 0.4	+ 5.8
Variety Stores	12.0	12.1	11.2	- 0.8	+ 7.1
Food Stores	65.5	65.5	63.7	0	+ 2.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.7	103.6	100.0	+ 0.1	+ 3.7
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	372.1	371.8	365.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.8	21.9	20.9	- 0.5	+ 4.3
Personal Services	24.3	23.6	23.4	+ 3.0	+ 3.8
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	416.8	412.0	405.0	+ 1.2	+ 2.9
Federal	50.0	50.2	49.2	- 0.4	+ 1.6
State	124.0	122.5	119.5	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
Education	65.2	64.1	60.5	+ 1.7	+ 7.8
Other	58.8	58.4	59.0	+ 0.7	- 0.3
Local	242.8	239.3	236.3	+ 1.5	+ 2.8
Education	129.8	128.9	126.0	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
Other	113.0	110.4	110.3	+ 2.4	+ 2.4

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

MAY, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	April 1984	May 1983
MANUFACTURING	651.0	651.8	622.8	- 0.1	+ 4.5
DURABLE GOODS	242.5	241.8	222.1	+ 0.3	+ 9.2
Lumber & Wood Products	30.7	30.2	29.2	+ 1.7	+ 5.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.8	7.7	7.0	+ 1.3	+ 11.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.3	3.1	3.2	+ 6.5	+ 3.1
Furniture & Fixtures	73.6	74.2	69.1	- 0.8	+ 6.5
Household Furniture	66.0	66.8	62.5	- 1.2	+ 5.6
Wood Household Furniture	34.7	34.8	33.0	- 0.3	+ 5.2
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.2	15.1	13.2	+ 0.7	+ 15.2
Structural Clay Products	2.1	2.0	1.7	+ 5.0	+ 23.5
Primary Metal Industries	7.7	7.6	6.5	+ 1.3	+ 18.5
Fabricated Metal Products	18.1	18.0	17.4	+ 0.6	+ 4.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.8	27.4	25.1	+ 1.5	+ 10.8
Special Industry Machinery	5.4	5.2	4.8	+ 3.8	+ 12.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	42.5	42.3	37.3	+ 0.5	+ 13.9
Household Appliances	4.8	4.8	4.4	0	+ 9.1
Transportation Equipment	15.4	15.6	13.5	- 1.3	+ 14.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.5	410.0	400.7	- 0.4	+ 1.9
Food & Kindred Products	29.6	29.6	29.4	0	+ 0.7
Meat Products	15.1	15.1	14.5	0	+ 4.1
Meat Packing	1.7	1.8	1.8	- 5.6	- 5.6
Dairy Products	1.6	1.5	1.6	+ 6.7	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.7	1.8	- 5.9	- 11.1
Bakery Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Beverages	2.4	2.3	2/8	+ 4.3	- 11.1
Tobacco Manufacturers	16.6	16.9	17.3	- 1.8	- 4.0
Cigarettes	14.8	14.8	15.2	0	- 2.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.2	1.6	1.6	- 25.0	- 25.0
Textile Mill Products	199.8	201.1	198.1	- 0.6	+ 0.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	55.6	55.9	56.0	- 0.5	- 0.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	29.0	29.2	30.1	- 0.7	- 3.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.5	26.6	25.7	- 0.4	+ 3.1
Knitting Mills	70.6	70.9	68.7	- 0.4	+ 2.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.7	20.8	19.2	- 0.5	+ 7.8
Hosiery, NEC	20.9	20.9	20.6	0	+ 1.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.7	12.9	12.8	- 1.6	- 0.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.3	6.3	5.6	0	+ 12.5
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.2	12.3	12.0	- 0.8	+ 1.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.3	50.9	50.3	- 1.2	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.5	77.5	75.1	0	+ 3.2
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.2	25.1	24.2	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	36.0	35.9	34.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.7
Paper & Allied Products	17.0	17.0	16.7	0	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.8	7.9	7.9	- 1.3	- 1.3
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.6	5.4	0	+ 3.7
Printing & Publishing	14.2	14.2	13.6	0	+ 4.4
Newspapers	3.5	3.4	3.2	+ 2.9	+ 9.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.4	25.4	24.7	0	+ 2.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.9	9.9	9.7	0	+ 2.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.3	23.9	20.9	+ 1.7	+ 16.3
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.1	4.4	4.9	- 6.8	- 16.3

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

MAY, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983
MANUFACTURING	$279.50	$280.89	$265.20	40.1	40.3	40.0	$ 6.97	$ 6.97	$ 6.63
DURABLE GOODS	292.63	293.56	269.56	40.7	41.0	39.7	7.19	7.16	6.79
Lumber & Wood Products	242.26	240.26	233.19	41.2	41.0	41.2	5.88	5.86	5.66
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	242.34	235.57	221.53	42.0	41.4	39.7	5.77	5.69	5.58
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	268.11	269.12	286.38	40.5	40.9	44.4	6.62	6.58	6.45
Furniture & Fixtures	238.93	240.01	224.03	38.6	38.9	38.1	6.19	6.17	5.88
Household Furniture	236.93	238.01	223.85	38.4	38.7	38.2	6.17	6.15	5.86
Wood Household Furniture	231.48	233.05	220.70	39.3	39.5	39.2	5.89	5.90	5.63
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	318.10	314.67	298.70	42.3	41.9	41.2	7.52	7.51	7.25
Structural Clay Products	265.32	266.91	247.13	44.0	43.9	42.1	6.03	6.08	5.87
Primary Metal Industries	350.24	356.63	315.17	44.0	45.2	41.8	7.96	7.89	7.54
Fabricated Metal Products	320.62	319.30	300.17	41.0	41.2	40.4	7.82	7.75	7.43
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	340.94	349.68	317.09	42.3	42.8	40.6	8.06	8.17	7.81
Special Industry Machinery	307.43	304.63	285.02	41.1	41.0	40.2	7.48	7.43	7.09
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	354.03	349.86	309.68	41.7	42.0	39.4	8.49	8.33	7.86
Household Appliances	264.22	261.14	231.38	40.4	40.3	37.5	6.54	6.48	6.17
Transportation Equipment	325.50	330.84	303.73	42.0	42.8	41.1	7.75	7.73	7.39
NONDURABLE GOODS	271.83	273.32	262.25	39.8	39.9	40.1	6.83	6.85	6.54
Food & Kindred Products	246.63	241.92	244.11	38.9	37.8	39.5	6.34	6.40	6.18
Meat Products	199.02	188.30	194.46	37.2	35.0	36.9	5.35	5.38	5.27
Meat Packing	309.23	308.85	321.37	39.9	39.8	41.9	7.75	7.76	7.67
Dairy Products	274.30	269.51	264.63	44.1	43.4	43.1	6.22	6.21	6.14
Grain Mill Products	288.56	288.27	290.17	41.7	41.9	44.3	6.92	6.88	6.55
Bakery Products	270.92	292.14	283.62	39.9	42.4	43.5	6.79	6.89	6.52
Beverages	477.49	480.16	434.00	44.5	44.5	43.4	10.73	10.79	10.00
Tobacco Manufacturers	492.04	470.32	440.80	39.3	38.3	38.0	12.52	12.28	11.60
Cigarettes	522.32	509.44	469.10	39.6	38.8	38.2	13.19	13.13	12.28
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	217.07	177.89	183.09	36.3	33.5	36.4	5.98	5.31	5.03
Textile Mill Products	250.22	253.08	248.24	40.1	40.3	41.1	6.24	6.28	6.04
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	272.34	271.26	272.74	39.7	39.2	41.2	6.86	6.92	6.62
Weaving Mills, Cotton	261.29	253.92	268.66	38.2	36.8	40.4	6.84	6.90	6.65
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	285.25	290.37	276.78	41.4	41.9	42.0	6.89	6.93	6.59
Knitting Mills	221.76	226.98	227.86	38.5	39.0	40.4	5.76	5.82	5.64
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	201.65	203.66	206.33	37.0	37.3	39.3	5.45	5.46	5.25
Hosiery, NEC	208.87	210.36	217.95	37.1	37.1	39.2	5.63	5.67	5.56
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	253.03	258.49	258.30	40.1	40.9	42.0	6.31	6.32	6.15
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	273.92	292.60	300.28	42.6	44.4	46.7	6.43	6.59	6.43
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	288.20	296.58	266.70	43.8	44.8	42.2	6.58	6.62	6.32
Yarn & Thread Mills	248.24	252.93	242.76	41.1	41.6	42.0	6.04	6.08	5.78
Apparel & Other Textile Products	188.38	192.41	179.89	37.6	38.1	37.4	5.01	5.05	4.81
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	191.86	194.91	181.54	37.4	37.7	37.2	5.13	5.17	4.88
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	176.75	178.93	171.03	36.9	37.2	37.1	4.79	4.81	4.61
Paper & Allied Products	449.53	462.88	436.32	43.1	44.0	43.2	10.43	10.52	10.10
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	567.81	584.77	522.37	45.1	45.9	44.8	12.59	12.74	11.66
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	325.36	338.57	311.01	42.2	43.8	42.2	7.71	7.73	7.37
Printing & Publishing	300.60	303.11	286.73	39.5	40.2	38.8	7.61	7.54	7.39
Newspapers	280.72	278.88	259.49	34.7	34.6	33.7	8.09	8.06	7.70
Chemicals & Allied Products	359.56	364.90	364.95	40.4	41.0	41.9	8.90	8.90	8.71
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	408.53	417.00	414.30	41.1	41.7	42.8	9.94	10.00	9.68
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	364.23	367.22	312.83	42.5	42.7	39.3	8.57	8.60	7.96
MINING	340.17	319.79	285.12	43.5	42.3	39.6	7.82	7.56	7.20
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	448.13	448.67	407.43	41.0	41.2	40.5	10.93	10.89	10.06
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	194.70	195.80	195.89	33.0	33.3	33.6	5.90	5.88	5.83
Wholesale Trade	297.70	296.11	273.92	39.8	39.8	39.3	7.48	7.44	6.97
Retail Trade	169.06	169.38	166.22	31.6	31.6	31.6	5.35	5.36	5.26
General Merchandise Stores	149.18	147.29	143.70	29.6	29.4	30.0	5.04	5.01	4.79
Variety Stores	121.71	120.30	115.38	30.2	30.0	31.1	4.03	4.01	3.71
Food Stores	193.10	191.04	188.75	32.4	32.0	32.1	5.96	5.97	5.88
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	126.52	125.76	127.49	29.7	29.8	30.5	4.26	4.22	4.18
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	179.36	177.06	168.86	35.8	35.2	35.4	5.01	5.03	4.77

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

JUNE, 1984

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
June, 1984

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS STRONG GROWTH: In the middle of June, 1984, total employment in the State was estimated to be 2,885,400. That was a net monthly increase of 44,000 people (+1.5 percent). All of the three principal employment categories experienced significant over-the-month gains. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment exhibited the largest net monthly jump, up by 18,900 persons (+0.8 percent). Also, agricultural employment displayed an impressive seasonal hike of 15,400 workers (+24.1 percent) from mid-May to mid-June of this year. Lastly, the "all other" nonagricultural employment segment recorded a good net thirty-day rise of 9,700 workers (+3.3 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES MODEST INCREASE: North Carolina's manufacturing employment was estimated to be 815,100 as of mid-June, 1984. That figure represented a net monthly gain of 2,600 people (+0.3 percent). the durable goods sector was responsible for all of the increase in manufacturing with a net over-the-month rise of 2,800 workers (+0.9 percent). Each of the durable goods industry groups showed measurable growth. Electrical machinery led the way by adding 700 persons (+1.2 percent) over the month due to general gains throughout the industry. Next came furniture and fixtures with a net monthly gain of 600 workers (+0.7 percent) due partly to recalls. The nondurable goods sector sustained a very small net loss of 200 employees from May to June of this year. Most of the industry groups exhibited some kind of modest increase but the significant drop of 1,000 workers in textiles (due mainly to layoffs) helped to offset those small gains.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT UP IN JUNE: In the middle of June, 1984, nonmanufacturing employment in the State was estimated to be 1,684,200. That figure represented a net over-the-month rise of 11,000 persons (+0.7 percent) as six of the seven industry groups experienced growth. These were the four largest: service and miscellaneous (+3,200), construction (+3,000), trade (+2,800), and finance, insurance, and real estate (+1,100). Most of that growth was seasonal in nature.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING WELL AHEAD OF LAST YEAR: Statewide manufacturing employment this June was 24,600 (+3.1 percent) more than one year ago as a number of industry groups displayed strong gains: electrical machinery (+5,500), nonelectrical machinery (+4,700), furniture and fixtures (+4,100), and rubber and miscellaneous plastic products (+3,600). North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment rose by 53,100 workers (+3.3 percent) from June, 1983, to June, 1984, as all seven of the industry groups registered increases. The four largest were these: trade (+22,200), government (+10,100), construction (+9,900), and service and miscellaneous (+6,700).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES SEASONAL RISE: During mid-June, 1984, total unemployment in the State was estimated to be 191,200. That figure represented a net monthly increase of 15,800 persons (+9.0 percent). As a result, North Carolina's unadjusted rate of unemployment rose from 5.8 percent in May to 6.2 percent in June. In June of 1983, total unemployment was much higher at 274,500 for a rate of 9.2 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.4 percent in June, 1984, 7.2 percent in May, 1984, and 10.2 percent twelve months ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.1 percent this June, 7.5 percent in May, and 10.0 percent one year ago.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

JUNE, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
				May, 1984		June, 1983	
	June 2/ 1984	May 3/ 1984	June 1983	Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	3,076,600	3,016,800	2,990,400	+ 59,800	+ 2.0	+ 86,200	+ 2.9
Employment, Total	2,885,400	2,841,400	2,715,900	+ 44,000	+ 1.5	+ 169,500	+ 6.2
Agricultural Employment	79,300	63,900	85,200	+ 15,400	+ 24.1	- 5,900	- 6.9
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,499,700	2,480,800	2,332,800	+ 18,900	+ 0.8	+ 166,900	+ 7.2
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	306,400	296,700	297,900	+ 9,700	+ 3.3	+ 8,500	+ 2.9
Unemployment, Total	191,200	175,400	274,500	+ 15,800	+ 9.0	- 83,300	- 30.3
State Unadjusted Rate	6.2	5.8	9.2	+ 0.4	xxx	- 3.0	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.4	7.2	10.2	+ 0.2	xxx	- 2.8	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.1	7.5	10.0	- 0.4	xxx	- 2.9	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

BOTH HOURLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED UP: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers rose by 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) to $6.97 from mid-May to mid-June of this year. Furthermore, the June, 1984, figure represented a gain of 33¢ an hour (+5.0 percent) over June of last year. The durable goods sector also experienced a small net monthly increase of 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to hit $7.17 in June, 1984. Over the year, the durable goods segment has enjoyed modest growth of 37¢ an hour (+5.4 percent). Stone, clay, and glass products was the durable goods industry that exhibited the largest net monthly gain, rising by 23¢ an hour (+3.1 percent) to reach $7.66. Next came primary metal industries, up by 8¢ an hour over the month (+1.0 percent) to arrive at $8.07 this June. The nondurable goods sector added 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) over the month to attain a level of $6.85. Since June of 1983, the nondurable goods segment climbed by 30¢ an hour (+4.6 percent). Leading the way again in nondurables was tobacco manufacturing with a strong net over-the-month surge of 28¢ an hour (+2.2 percent) to rise to $12.80. Paper and allied products was second with a net monthly increase of 14¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) to hit $10.56. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employers increased by $2.19 (+0.8 percent) to $280.19 from the middle of May to the middle of June of this year. Also, the current figure is $11.27 (+4.2 percent) above one year ago (June, 1983). Average weekly hours rose by 0.2 of an hour to 40.2 from May to June, 1984, but were still 0.3 of an hour below twelve months ago.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX CONTINUES TO INCREASE: According to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers climbed to 310.7 in June of this year. That was a monthly increase of 0.3 percent and a yearly gain of 4.2 percent. The largest over-the-month jump occurred in housing, up by 0.5 percent. Entertainment and "other" goods and services tied for second, the cost of each rising by 0.4 percent. Apparel and upkeep was the only major group to experience an over-the-month decrease, falling by 0.8 percent. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $310.70 in June, 1984.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS GROWS OVER THE MONTH: There were 161,663 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of June 30, 1984. That figure represented a rather large net monthly increase of 8,890 persons (+5.8 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine age group was the largest applicant sector with 94,356 or 58.3 percent of the total . That was followed by the twenty-one and under segment with 34,145 or 21.1 percent. The fifty-five and over sector had the fewest active applicants with 8,009 or 5.0 percent of the total. Females made up the majority of the active applicants with 83,931 or 51.9 percent of the total. Also, the largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, numbering 86,889 or 53.7 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of June 30, 1984.

Statewide Active Applicant File
June 30, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	161,663	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	34,145	21.1
22-39	94,356	58.3
40-54	25,153	15.6
55 and Over	8,009	5.0
Sex		
Male	77,732	48.1
Female	83,931	51.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	86,889	53.7
Black, not Hispanic	71,158	44.0
Hispanic	1,142	0.7
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,573	1.0
Other Races and Undetermined	901	0.6
Eligible Claimant	55,027	34.0
Veteran	26,684	16.5
Handicapped	9,642	6.0
Welfare	20,849	12.9
Seasonal Farmworker	3,258	2.0

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS INCREASES IN JUNE: There were 35,527 job openings received by the Job Services offices across the State during June of this year. That figure represented a net over-the-month gain of 11,102 (+45.5 percent). A good percentage of those job openings was filled (81.5 percent or 28,946). Farming, fishing, and forestry was the occupational group with the largest number of job openings received in June with 15,311. That was an expected seasonal surge and most of those openings were filled (14,768 or 96.5 percent). The source category was a distant second with 4,140 job openings received and 2,912 or 70.3 percent filled. That was followed by structural work with 3,505 job openings received this June and 2,337 or 66.7 percent filled. Sales had the fewest job openings received in June with just 749; however, more than half of those was filled (397 or 53.0 percent). From October 1, 1983, through June 30, 1984, there were 175,105 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. Most of those job openings were filled (134,322 or 76.7 percent). As of June 30, 1984, there were 16,179 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. Most of those job openings (9,256 or 57.2 percent) had been open for thirty days or more and were therefore classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings for June, 1984, and for the fiscal year to date.

Statewide Job Openings Data

	June, 1984		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of June 30, 1984	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	1,183	536	7,488	3,121	1,491	886
Clerical	2,882	1,921	19,827	12,404	2,090	1,059
Sales	749	397	7,188	4,128	1,060	723
Service	4,140	2,912	25,472	18,336	2,893	1,496
Domestic	427	313	2,281	1,890	149	63
Other Services	3,713	2,599	23,191	16,446	2,744	1,433
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	15,311	14,768	33,836	32,425	308	129
Processing	871	742	6,279	5,137	879	658
Machine Trades	1,546	1,023	13,203	9,597	1,458	866
Bench Work	2,405	1,887	18,282	15,539	1,859	1,274
Structural Work	3,505	2,337	23,203	16,802	2,636	1,413
Miscellaneous	2,935	2,423	20,327	16,833	1,505	752
Motor Freight and Trans.	687	461	4,455	2,922	492	238
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	2,148	1,898	15,253	13,534	940	482
Other	100	64	619	377	73	32
Total	35,527	28,946	175,105	134,322	16,179	9,256

1/ October 1, 1983, through June 30, 1984.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

June, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	June 1984 (Thous.)	May 1984 (Thous.)	June 1983 (Thous.)	May 1984	June 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2499.3	2485.7	2421.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.2
MANUFACTURING	815.1	812.5	790.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.1
DURABLE GOODS	320.4	317.6	298.7	+ 0.9	+ 7.3
Lumber & Wood Products	36.2	36.0	35.1	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.6	13.5	13.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.8	8.8	8.2	0	+ 7.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.9	4.0	4.1	- 2.5	- 4.9
Furniture & Fixtures	83.0	82.4	78.9	+ 0.7	+ 5.2
Household Furniture	73.5	73.1	70.7	+ 0.5	+ 4.0
Wood Household Furniture	37.8	37.6	36.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.4
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.0	30.5	29.8	+ 1.6	+ 4.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.7	18.5	16.8	+ 1.1	+ 11.3
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.4	0	+ 12.5
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.1	5.0	4.5	+ 2.0	+ 13.3
Primary Metal Industries	10.4	10.3	9.1	+ 1.0	+ 14.3
Fabricated Metal Products	24.5	24.3	24.0	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.1	8.8	+ 1.2	- 6.8
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.2	53.7	49.5	+ 0.9	+ 9.5
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	8.0	7.3	0	+ 9.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.1	58.4	53.6	+ 1.2	+ 10.3
Household Appliances	5.6	5.5	5.7	+ 1.8	- 1.8
Transportation Equipment	19.0	18.9	17.1	+ 0.5	+ 11.1
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.3	15.1	14.6	+ 1.3	+ 4.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	494.7	494.9	491.8	- 0.04	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	43.5	43.5	43.4	0	+ 0.2
Meat Products	16.9	17.3	16.7	- 2.3	+ 1.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 3.6	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.4	2.6	+ 4.2	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.7	6.6	6.6	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.5	21.2	22.4	+ 1.4	- 4.0
Cigarettes	18.7	18.4	19.1	+ 1.6	- 2.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.0	2.1	2.6	- 4.8	- 23.1
Textile Mill Products	223.0	224.0	225.5	- 0.4	- 1.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	60.6	61.5	63.7	- 1.5	- 4.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.6	31.9	34.2	- 0.9	- 7.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.8	29.3	29.3	- 1.7	- 1.7
Knitting Mills	79.7	79.9	79.0	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.2	23.4	22.5	- 0.9	+ 3.1
Hosiery, NEC	22.6	22.7	22.7	- 0.4	- 0.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.8	14.8	14.9	0	- 0.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.3	7.2	6.8	+ 1.4	+ 7.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.7	14.7	14.6	0	+ 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	54.9	54.8	55.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

June, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	June 1984 (Thous.)	May 1984 (Thous.)	June 1983 (Thous.)	May 1984	June 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.2	88.0	86.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.7	27.8	27.0	- 0.4	+ 2.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.9	41.8	40.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.6	22.3	22.1	+ 1.3	+ 2.3
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.9	10.7	10.7	+ 1.9	+ 1.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.2	7.0	+ 2.8	+ 5.7
Printing & Publishing	23.3	23.5	22.2	- 0.9	+ 5.0
Newspapers	9.1	9.0	8.6	+ 1.1	+ 5.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	38.0	37.9	38.1	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.7	14.1	0	- 2.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.0	29.6	26.4	+ 1.4	+13.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.6	4.9	5.6	- 6.1	-17.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1684.2	1673.2	1631.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.3
MINING	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 2.3
CONSTRUCTION	124.4	121.4	114.5	+ 2.5	+ 8.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	122.1	121.0	121.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	61.4	61.5	60.5	- 0.2	+ 1.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.4	55.0	55.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	527.7	524.9	505.5	+ 0.5	+ 4.4
Wholesale Trade	122.5	121.8	119.2	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	73.7	72.9	70.1	+ 1.1	+ 5.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	48.8	48.9	49.1	- 0.2	- 0.6
Retail Trade	405.2	403.1	386.3	+ 0.5	+ 4.9
General Merchandise Stores	55.5	55.3	52.7	+ 0.4	+ 5.3
Variety Stores	11.7	11.8	11.2	- 0.8	+ 4.5
Food Stores	65.4	65.4	65.2	0.3	+ 2.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	104.7	103.6	101.7	+ 1.1	+ 2.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	375.5	372.3	368.8	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.8	22.5	22.6	+ 5.8	+ 5.3
Personal Services	24.0	24.1	32.7	- 0.4	+ 5.7
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.1	10.0	9.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	425.3	424.6	415.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Federal	50.5	50.3	49.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
State	121.2	122.8	116.8	- 1.3	+ 3.8
Education	60.8	63.7	56.9	- 4.6	+ 6.9
Other	60.4	59.1	59.9	+ 2.2	+ 0.8
Local	254.6	251.5	248.5	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Education	138.6	138.8	135.0	- 0.1	+ 2.7
Other	115.0	112.7	113.5	+ 2.0	+ 1.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

June, 1984

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	June 1984 (Thous.)	May 1984 (Thous.)	June 1983 (Thous.)	May 1984	June 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2478.4	2482.9	2401.9	- 4.5	3.2
MANUFACTURING	812.5	816.2	788.4	- 3.7	+ 3.1
DURABLE GOODS	319.3	318.6	298.0	+ 0.7	+ 7.1
Lumber & Wood Products	35.8	35.9	34.7	- 0.3	+ 3.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.3	13.4	12.9	- 0.7	+ 3.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.8	8.8	8.2	0	+ 7.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.8	4.0	4.0	- 5.0	- 5.0
Furniture & Fixtures	83.6	82.6	79.5	+ 1.2	+ 5.2
Household Furniture	73.6	73.2	70.8	+ 0.5	+ 4.0
Wood Household Furniture	38.0	37.4	36.3	+ 1.6	+ 4.7
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.1	30.6	29.9	+ 1.6	+ 4.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.5	18.5	16.7	0	+ 10.8
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.6	2.3	0	+ 13.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.0	4.9	4.4	+ 2.0	+ 13.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.3	10.2	9.1	+ 1.0	+ 13.2
Fabricated Metal Products	24.5	24.6	24.0	- 0.4	+ 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.1	8.2	8.7	- 1.2	- 6.9
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.0	54.3	49.4	- 1.3	+ 9.3
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	8.0	7.3	0	+ 9.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	58.5	58.7	53.1	- 0.3	+ 10.2
Household Appliances	5.4	5.8	5.6	- 6.9	- 3.6
Transportation Equipment	18.8	18.6	16.9	+ 1.1	+ 11.2
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.3	15.2	14.6	+ 0.7	+ 4.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.2	497.6	490.4	- 0.9	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	42.8	43.9	42.7	- 2.5	+ 0.2
Meat Products	16.8	17.4	16.6	- 3.4	+ 1.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 3.6	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.4	2.6	+ 4.2	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.5	6.5	6.4	0	+ 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.9	23.3	23.9	- 1.7	- 4.2
Cigarettes	18.4	18.6	18.7	- 1.1	- 1.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.6	3.7	4.7	- 2.7	- 23.4
Textile Mill Products	221.9	224.0	224.3	- 0.9	- 1.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	60.4	61.7	63.5	- 2.1	- 4.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.6	32.1	34.2	- 1.6	- 7.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.6	29.3	29.1	- 2.4	- 1.7
Knitting Mills	28.7	79.5	78.0	- 1.0	+ 0.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.0	23.5	22.3	- 2.1	+ 3.1
Hosiery, NEC	22.3	22.7	22.4	- 1.8	- 0.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.7	14.6	14.8	+ 0.7	- 0.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	7.1	6.6	0	+ 7.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.5	14.7	14.5	- 1.4	0
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.0	54.6	55.2	+ 0.7	- 0.4

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

June, 1984

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT June 1984 (Thous.)	May 1984 (Thous.)	June 1983 (Thous.)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: May 1984	June 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.7	88.2	85.6	- 0.6	+ 2.5
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.5	28.1	26.8	- 2.1	+ 2.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.5	41.8	40.3	- 0.7	+ 3.0
Paper & Allied Products	22.6	22.5	22.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.9	10.8	10.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.3	7.0	+ 1.4	+ 5.7
Printing & Publishing	23.5	23.5	22.4	0	+ 4.9
Newspapers	9.0	8.9	8.6	+ 1.1	+ 4.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.6	37.7	37.7	- 0.3	- 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.5	13.6	13.9	- 0.7	- 2.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.7	29.6	26.2	+ 0.3	+ 13.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.9	5.5	- 8.2	- 18.2
NONMANUFACTURING	1665.9	1666.7	1613.5	*	+ 3.2
MINING	4.4	4.5	4.3	- 2.2	+ 2.3
CONSTRUCTION	120.3	120.3	110.7	0	+ 8.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.6	121.7	120.5	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	61.1	61.4	60.2	- 0.5	+ 1.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.9	55.0	54.7	- 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	527.0	527.6	505.1	- 0.1	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	123.8	123.7	120.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods	73.6	73.0	69.9	+ 0.8	+ 5.3
Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods	50.2	50.7	50.5	- 1.0	- 0.6
Retail Trade	403.2	403.9	384.7	- 0.2	+ 4.8
General Merchandise Stores	56.7	56.6	53.8	+ 0.2	+ 5.4
Variety Stores	11.8	12.0	11.3	- 1.7	+ 4.4
Food Stores	65.3	65.4	63.8	- 0.2	+ 2.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.6	103.7	100.6	- 0.1	+ 3.0
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	372.5	372.3	365.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.0	21.9	20.9	+ 0.5	+ 5.3
Personal Services	24.4	24.4	23.1	0	+ 5.6
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.1	10.0	9.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	416.5	416.6	406.4	*	+ 2.5
Federal	49.9	50.0	49.2	- 0.2	+ 1.4
State	124.0	124.0	119.3	0	+ 3.9
Education	64.3	65.2	60.1	- 1.4	+ 7.0
Other	59.7	58.8	59.2	+ 1.5	+ 0.8
Local	242.6	242.6	237.9	0	+ 2.0
Education	130.0	129.8	126.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Other	112.6	112.8	111.2	- 0.2	+ 1.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

JUNE, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	May 1984	June 1983
MANUFACTURING	653.3	651.2	631.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.4
DURABLE GOODS	244.9	242.5	226.2	+ 1.0	+ 8.3
Lumber & Wood Products	30.9	30.8	29.8	+ 0.3	+ 3.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.8	7.8	7.2	0	+ 8.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.2	3.3	3.5	- 3.0	- 8.6
Furniture & Fixtures	74.1	73.5	70.2	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
Household Furniture	66.2	65.9	63.6	+ 0.5	+ 4.1
Wood Household Furniture	35.0	34.7	33.4	+ 0.9	+ 4.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.5	15.2	13.5	+ 2.0	+ 14.8
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.1	1.9	+ 4.8	+ 15.8
Primary Metal Industries	7.8	7.7	6.6	+ 1.3	+ 18.2
Fabricated Metal Products	18.2	18.1	17.8	+ 0.6	+ 2.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	28.0	27.7	25.3	+ 1.1	+ 10.7
Special Industry Machinery	5.2	5.3	4.9	- 1.9	+ 6.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	43.2	42.6	38.2	+ 1.4	+ 13.1
Household Appliances	4.9	4.8	5.1	+ 2.1	- 3.9
Transportation Equipment	15.5	15.4	13.7	+ 0.6	+ 13.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.4	408.7	405.4	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	29.8	29.8	30.0	0	- 0.7
Meat Products	14.9	15.2	14.7	- 2.0	+ 1.4
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.6	1.8	+ 6.2	- 5.6
Bakery Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Beverages	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	16.9	16.6	17.4	+ 1.8	- 2.9
Cigarettes	15.1	14.8	15.3	+ 2.0	- 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.2	1.2	1.6	0	- 25.0
Textile Mill Products	198.9	199.8	200.6	- 0.5	- 0.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	54.8	55.7	57.0	- 1.6	- 3.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.7	29.0	30.6	- 1.0	- 6.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.1	26.6	26.3	- 1.9	- 0.8
Knitting Mills	70.2	70.4	69.6	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.5	20.6	19.7	- 0.5	+ 4.1
Hosiery, NEC	20.7	20.8	20.9	- 0.5	- 1.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.6	12.6	12.8	0	- 1.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.3	6.3	5.9	0	+ 6.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.3	12.3	12.2	0	+ 0.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.5	50.4	50.8	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.7	77.5	75.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.2	25.2	24.5	0	+ 2.9
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	36.1	36.0	35.0	+ 0	+ 3.1
Paper & Allied Products	17.2	16.9	16.9	+ 1.8	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	8.0	7.8	7.9	+ 2.6	+ 1.3
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.7	5.6	5.5	+ 1.8	+ 3.6
Printing & Publishing	13.9	14.2	13.4	- 2.1	+ 3.7
Newspapers	3.4	3.5	3.3	- 2.9	+ 3.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.4	25.4	25.0	0	+ 1.6
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.9	9.9	10.0	0	- 1.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.7	24.4	21.3	+ 1.2	+ 16.0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.9	4.1	4.9	- 4.9	- 20.4

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

JUNE, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983
MANUFACTURING	$ 280.19	$278.00	$ 268.92	40.2	40.0	40.5	$ 6.97	$ 6.95	$ 6.64
DURABLE GOODS	290.39	290.70	275.40	40.5	40.6	40.5	7.17	7.16	6.80
Lumber & Wood Products	239.85	242.49	236.29	41.0	41.1	41.6	5.85	5.90	5.68
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	236.97	242.34	224.47	41.5	42.0	40.3	5.71	5.77	5.57
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	254.41	269.58	275.88	38.9	40.6	44.0	6.54	6.64	6.27
Furniture & Fixtures	235.84	237.08	230.49	38.1	38.3	39.0	6.19	6.19	5.91
Household Furniture	234.60	234.70	229.91	37.9	38.1	39.1	6.19	6.16	5.88
Wood Household Furniture	231.28	231.48	226.80	39.2	39.3	40.0	5.90	5.89	5.67
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	324.78	312.80	312.38	42.4	42.1	42.1	7.66	7.43	7.42
Structural Clay Products	262.18	260.40	249.74	42.7	42.9	42.4	6.14	6.07	5.89
Primary Metal Industries	354.27	349.96	323.51	43.9	43.8	42.4	8.07	7.99	7.63
Fabricated Metal Products	315.46	323.08	309.92	40.6	41.0	41.6	7.77	7.88	7.45
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	344.25	342.55	323.65	42.5	42.5	41.6	8.10	8.06	7.78
Special Industry Machinery	310.75	304.63	289.27	41.6	41.0	40.8	7.47	7.43	7.09
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	343.21	339.08	319.16	41.5	41.1	40.4	8.27	8.25	7.90
Household Appliances	265.36	262.35	244.77	40.7	40.3	39.8	6.52	6.51	6.15
Transportation Equipment	323.40	329.52	306.45	42.0	42.3	41.3	7.70	7.79	7.42
NONDURABLE GOODS	273.32	271.15	265.28	39.9	39.7	40.5	6.85	6.83	6.55
Food & Kindred Products	259.69	246.40	245.57	40.2	38.5	39.8	6.46	6.40	6.17
Meat Products	211.46	196.37	203.74	38.1	36.5	37.8	5.55	5.38	5.39
Meat Packing	320.28	312.38	334.03	40.8	40.1	43.1	7.85	7.79	7.75
Dairy Products	271.22	269.88	272.00	44.1	43.6	44.3	6.15	6.19	6.14
Grain Mill Products	297.65	290.07	286.87	43.2	42.1	43.4	6.89	6.89	6.61
Bakery Products	274.03	270.12	272.66	39.6	39.9	41.5	6.92	6.77	6.57
Beverages	506.52	489.91	435.69	46.9	44.7	43.7	10.80	10.96	9.97
Tobacco Manufacturers	510.72	490.78	444.25	39.9	39.2	38.1	12.80	12.52	11.66
Cigarettes	542.44	519.69	472.46	40.3	39.4	38.6	13.46	13.19	12.24
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	197.98	217.07	177.00	33.9	36.3	32.9	5.84	5.98	5.38
Textile Mill Products	247.78	250.00	251.68	39.9	40.0	41.6	6.21	6.25	6.05
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	270.28	271.07	277.80	39.4	39.4	41.9	6.86	6.88	6.63
Weaving Mills, Cotton	265.42	260.75	279.14	38.3	37.9	41.6	6.93	6.88	6.71
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	275.67	282.77	277.07	40.6	41.1	42.3	6.79	6.88	6.55
Knitting Mills	225.40	222.53	231.24	39.2	38.5	41.0	5.75	5.78	5.64
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	205.04	202.94	212.13	37.9	37.1	40.1	5.41	5.47	5.29
Hosiery, NEC	217.70	207.55	225.18	38.6	36.8	40.5	5.64	5.64	5.56
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	249.77	253.08	255.01	39.9	40.3	41.6	6.26	6.28	6.13
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	285.98	279.26	295.14	43.2	42.7	46.7	6.62	6.54	6.32
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	277.55	286.24	271.36	42.7	43.7	42.6	6.50	6.55	6.37
Yarn & Thread Mills	238.80	248.66	241.60	40.0	41.1	41.8	5.97	6.05	5.78
Apparel & Other Textile Products	188.86	187.62	181.23	38.0	37.6	37.6	4.97	4.99	4.82
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	192.78	190.84	178.10	37.8	37.2	36.2	5.10	5.13	4.92
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	176.33	176.60	174.64	37.2	37.1	37.8	4.74	4.76	4.62
Paper & Allied Products	460.42	448.06	443.99	43.6	43.0	43.7	10.56	10.42	10.16
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	575.62	567.81	544.56	44.9	45.1	45.8	12.82	12.59	11.89
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	344.31	314.84	319.92	44.6	41.7	43.0	7.72	7.55	7.44
Printing & Publishing	297.22	302.18	283.39	38.4	39.5	38.4	7.74	7.65	7.38
Newspapers	277.95	281.07	265.38	34.4	34.7	34.6	8.08	8.10	7.67
Chemicals & Allied Products	364.34	359.24	361.05	40.8	40.5	41.5	8.93	8.87	8.70
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	424.42	410.52	409.49	42.4	41.3	42.7	10.01	9.94	9.59
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	372.32	365.08	331.66	43.7	42.8	41.2	8.52	8.53	8.05
MINING	346.76	338.52	290.32	44.4	43.4	40.1	7.81	7.80	7.24
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	457.06	452.38	413.91	41.4	41.2	40.9	11.04	10.98	10.12
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	198.32	195.03	196.62	33.5	33.0	33.9	5.92	5.91	5.80
Wholesale Trade	302.91	297.14	277.20	39.7	39.2	39.6	7.63	7.58	7.00
Retail Trade	170.13	167.46	168.53	31.8	31.3	32.1	5.35	5.35	5.25
General Merchandise Stores	147.51	146.50	145.49	29.8	29.3	30.5	4.95	5.00	4.77
Variety Stores	114.52	116.32	117.34	29.9	29.3	31.8	3.83	3.97	3.69
Food Stores	197.39	192.46	191.65	33.4	32.4	33.1	5.91	5.94	5.79
SERVICES. Hotels & Other Lodging Places	128.65	127.71	125.22	30.2	29.7	30.1	4.26	4.30	4.16
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	178.62	179.00	165.52	35.3	35.8	34.7	5.06	5.00	4.77

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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NORTH CAROLINA

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NORTH CAROLINA

STATE LABOR SUMMARY

July, 1984

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUSTAINS NOTICEABLE DECLINE: North Carolina's total employment was estimated to be 2,874,100 in mid-July of this year. That figure represented a net over-the-month loss of 10,100 persons (-0.4 percent). Two of the three main employment segments exhibited significant monthly decreases. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment suffered the loss of 52,200 workers (-2.1 percent). Also "all other" nonagricultural employment fell by 7,600 people (-2.5 percent). On the positive side, agricultural employment reached its seasonal peak in July with the addition of 33,300 workers (+42.0 percent), which partially offset the declines in the other principal sectors.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT SUFFERS MEASURABLE DECREASE: As of the middle of July, 1984, manufacturing employment in the State was estimated to be 809,500. That was a net over-the-month loss of 5,600 workers (-0.7 percent). The durable goods segment dropped by 1,600 people (-0.5 percent) as two of its industry groups experienced significant employee reductions: furniture and fixtures (-1,400) and lumber and wood (-500). Gains of 300 in both stone, clay, and glass and electrical machinery helped to offset those losses. The nondurable goods segment exhibited a net monthly decline of 4,000 persons (-0.8 percent) as two of its industry groups also registered substantial decreases: textile mill products (-3,600) and apparel and related products (-1,400). The one bright spot in nondurable goods was food and kindred products, up by 1,200 workers (+2.7 percent) over the month.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DOWN OVER THE MONTH: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment was estimated to be 1,636,400 in mid-July of this year. That was a net monthly decline of 46,600 people (-2.8 percent) due almost exclusively to the seasonal decrease of 54,900 workers (-13.0 percent) in government. However, several industries did display strong growth from June to July: service and miscellaneous (+4,500), trade (+2,500), and construction (+1,400). Those increases were also primarily seasonal.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING ABOVE ONE YEAR AGO: From July, 1983, to July, 1984, manufacturing employment in North Carolina rose by 19,300 workers (+2.4 percent) as several of the industry groups enjoyed impressive increases: electrical machinery (+6,700), nonelectrical machinery (+4,400), rubber and miscellaneous plastic products (+3,600), and furniture and fixtures (+2,500). Nonmanufacturing employment in the State jumped by 49,700 people (+3.1 percent) over the year as all industry divisions showed growth. These were the four largest gains: trade (+22,600), construction (+9,700), service and miscellaneous (+8,500), and government (+4,800).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES SEASONAL CLIMB: North Carolina's total unemployment was estimated to be 201,400 during the middle of July, 1984. That was a net over-the-month rise of 10,300 people (+5.4 percent). Consequently, the unadjusted rate of unemployment in the State increased from 6.2 percent in June to 6.5 percent in July. One year ago (July, 1983), the unemployment situation was much worse because there were 263,300 persons out of work and the rate was 8.8 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation was 7.5 percent in July, 1984, 7.4 percent in June, 1984, and 9.4 percent in July, 1983. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.5 percent this July, 7.1 percent in June and 9.5 percent twelve months ago.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

July, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	July 2/ 1984	June 3/ 1984	July 1983	June, 1984		July, 1983	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	3,075,500	3,075,300	2,976,900	+ 200	*	+ 98,600	+ 3.3
Employment, Total	2,874,100	2,884,200	2,713,600	- 10,100	- 0.4	+ 160,500	+ 5.9
Agricultural Employment	112,600	79,300	121,000	+ 33,300	+ 42.0	- 8,400	- 6.9
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,462,900	2,498,700	2,291,600	- 35,800	- 1.4	+ 171,300	+ 7.5
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	298,600	306,200	301,000	- 7,600	- 2.5	- 2,400	- 0.8
Unemployment, Total	201,400	191,100	263,300	+ 10,300	+ 5.4	- 61,900	- 23.5
State Unadjusted Rate	6.5	6.2	8.8	+ 0.3	xxx	- 2.3	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.5	7.4	9.4	+ 0.1	xxx	- 1.9	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.5	7.1	9.5	+ 0.4	xxx	- 2.0	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
* Less than 0.05 percent.

HOURLY EARNINGS RISE WHILE HOURS WORKED FALL: From the middle of June to the middle of July, 1984, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees increased by 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) to $7.01. Moreover, that was a net over-the-year advance of 32¢ an hour (+4.8 percent). The durable goods segment enjoyed a good net over-the-month gain of 5¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) to reach $7.23 in July of this year. Since July of last year, the durable goods sector has added 34¢ an hour (+4.9 percent). The durable goods industry which experienced the largest net over-the-month increase was transportation equipment, up by 16¢ an hour (+2.1 percent) to hit $7.92. Stone, clay, and glass products followed, rising by 14¢ an hour (+1.8 percent) to $7.76 in July, 1984. The nondurable goods segment experienced a very modest net monthly gain of 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to arrive at $6.87 this July. Over the year, the increase was a more respectable 29¢ an hour (+4.4 percent). Paper and allied products took the lead in nondurables with a good net monthly jump of 17¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) to reach $10.66. Next came chemicals and allied products, which rose by 16¢ an hour (+1.8 percent) to $9.09 in July of this year. From mid-June to mid-July, 1984, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers decreased by $3.70 (-1.3 percent) to $276.90. However, the present level is $8.63 (+3.2 percent) above twelve months ago (July, 1983). Average weekly hours stood at 39.5 in July, 1984, down by 0.7 of an hour over the month and by 0.6 of an hour over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UP OVER THE MONTH: The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 311.7 in July, 1984, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That figure represented an over-the-month gain of 0.3 percent and an over-the-year increase of 4.1 percent. The cost of "other" goods and services rose the most from June to July of this year, up by 0.7 percent. Next came housing and medical care, both rising by 0.6 percent. Two of the main groups actually enjoyed monthly declines: apparel and upkeep (-0.4 percent) and transportation (-0.1 percent). The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, fell to $32.1¢ in July of this year.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS DECLINES IN JULY: As of July 31, 1984, there were 156,829 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State. That was a net over-the-month decrease of 4,834 people (-3.0 percent). The largest applicant segment by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine which had 92,434 or 58.9 percent of the total. The twenty-one and under sector was a distant second with 30,661 or 19.6 percent. As is usually the case, the fifty-five and over segment had the smallest number of active applicants with 8,480 or 5.4 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were males, with a count of 80,460 or 51.3 percent of the total. Whites who were not Hispanic made up the largest ethnic group with 88,599 or 56.6 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of July 31, 1984.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

July 31, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	156,829	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	30,661	19.6
22-39	92,434	58.9
40-54	25,254	16.1
55 and Over	8,480	5.4
Sex		
Male	80,460	51.3
Female	76,369	48.7
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	88,599	56.6
Black, not Hispanic	64,188	40.9
Hispanic	1,572	1.0
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,644	1.0
Other Races and Undetermined	826	0.5
Eligible Claimant	56,127	35.8
Veteran	27,621	17.6
Handicapped	8,331	5.3
Seasonal Farmworker	4,717	3.0

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS GROWS OVER THE MONTH: During July, 1984, there were 38,269 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. That was a net monthly increase of 2,742 (+7.7 percent). Most of those job openings were filled (30,504 or 79.7 percent). The occupational category with the largest number of job openings received in July was farming, fishing, and forestry with 16,558 and 15,276 or 92.3 percent were filled. That was an anticipated seasonal high. That was followed by the service group with 4,867 job openings received and 3,615 or 74.3 percent filled. Next came structural work which had 3,867 job openings received with the majority of them being filled (2,428 or 62.8 percent). Sales again had the smallest number of job openings received with only 681 with less than half of them being filled (325 or 47.7 percent). There were 17,596 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of July 31, 1984. More than half of those job openings (9,469 or 53.8 percent) had been classified as hard-to-fill due to being open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on the State's job openings in July, 1984.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	July, 1984		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of July 31, 1984	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	1,202	648	1,579	965
Clerical	3,223	2,158	2,381	1,104
Sales	681	325	989	602
Service	4,867	3,615	3,202	1,491
Domestics	415	260	262	99
Other Services	4,452	3,355	2,940	1,392
Farm, Fish., and Forest.	16,558	15,276	271	148
Processing	1,046	983	804	558
Machine Trades	1,779	1,119	1,725	942
Bench Work	2,311	1,750	2,028	1,312
Structural Work	3,867	2,428	3,068	1,588
Miscellaneous	2,735	2,202	1,549	759
Motor Freight and Trans.	572	356	496	254
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	2,097	1,793	991	469
Other	66	53	62	36
Total	38,269	30,504	17,596	9,469

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

July, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT July 1984 (Thous)	June 1984 (Thous)	July 1983 (Thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: June 1984	July 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,445.9	2,498.1	2,376.9	- 2.1	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	809.5	815.1	790.2	- 0.7	+ 2.4
DURABLE GOODS	319.6	321.2	300.1	- 0.5	+ 6.5
Lumber & Wood Products	35.9	36.4	35.5	- 1.4	+ 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.4	13.6	13.1	- 1.5	+ 2.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.9	8.2	- 2.2	+ 6.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.9	4.0	4.3	- 2.5	- 9.3
Furniture & Fixtures	82.6	83.9	79.0	- 1.7	+ 3.2
Household Furniture	72.0	73.3	70.6	- 1.8	+ 2.0
Wood Household Furniture	36.4	37.4	36.3	- 2.7	+ 0.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.0	31.0	29.9	0	+ 3.7
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.0	18.7	17.2	+ 1.6	+10.5
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.8	2.5	- 3.6	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.1	5.1	4.6	0	+10.9
Primary Metal Industries	10.5	10.4	9.2	+ 1.0	+14.1
Fabricated Metal Products	24.5	24.4	24.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.3	8.2	8.9	+ 1.2	- 6.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	53.9	54.3	49.5	- 0.7	+ 8.9
Special Industry Machinery	7.9	8.1	7.3	- 2.5	+ 8.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.0	59.7	53.3	+ 0.5	+12.6
Household Appliances	6.0	5.8	5.8	+ 3.4	+ 3.4
Transportation Equipment	19.2	19.0	17.3	+ 1.1	+11.0
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.1	15.4	14.9	- 1.9	+ 1.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	489.9	493.9	490.1	- 0.8	- 0.04
Food & Kindred Products	45.3	44.1	44.6	+ 2.7	+ 1.6
Meat Products	17.6	17.2	16.6	+ 2.3	+ 6.0
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0
Beverages	6.8	6.7	6.9	+ 1.5	- 1.4
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.7	21.5	22.2	+ 0.9	- 2.3
Cigarettes	18.7	18.8	19.1	- 0.5	- 2.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.3	2.0	2.4	+15.0	- 4.2
Textile Mill Products	218.1	221.7	223.4	- 1.6	- 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	59.7	59.6	63.3	+ 0.2	- 5.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.1	30.8	34.2	+ 1.0	- 9.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.4	28.6	28.9	- 0.7	- 1.7
Knitting Mills	78.3	79.5	79.4	- 1.5	- 1.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.3	23.2	22.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Hosiery, NEC	22.5	22.8	22.8	- 1.3	- 1.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.4	14.5	15.0	- 0.7	- 4.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	7.3	6.9	- 6.8	- 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.4	14.8	14.3	- 2.7	+ 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	53.0	54.9	53.3	- 3.5	- 0.6

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July, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	July 1984 (Thous)	June 1984 (Thous)	July 1983 (Thous)	June 1984	July 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	86.6	88.0	85.7	- 1.6	+ 1.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.3	27.9	27.0	- 2.2	+ 1.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	40.8	41.6	40.5	- 1.9	+ 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	22.7	22.6	22.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.9	10.9	10.6	0	+ 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.4	7.0	0	+ 5.7
Printing & Publishing	23.1	23.4	22.1	- 1.3	+ 4.5
Newspapers	9.1	9.1	8.7	0	+ 4.6
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.6	38.0	37.9	- 1.1	- 0.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.6	13.7	14.0	- 0.7	- 2.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.2	30.1	26.6	+ 0.3	+13.5
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.6	4.5	5.6	+ 2.2	-17.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1,636.4	1,683.0	1,586.7	- 2.8	+ 3.1
MINING	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 2.3
CONSTRUCTION	126.0	124.6	116.3	+ 1.1	+ 8.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.7	122.1	120.5	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	60.9	61.5	60.0	- 1.0	+ 1.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.5	55.4	55.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	530.3	527.8	507.7	+ 0.5	+ 4.5
Wholesale Trade	124.0	122.4	119.6	+ 1.3	+ 3.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.2	73.6	70.3	+ 0.8	+ 5.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	49.8	48.8	49.3	+ 2.0	+ 1.0
Retail Trade	406.3	405.4	388.1	+ 0.2	+ 4.7
General Merchandise Stores	55.5	55.7	52.7	- 0.4	- 5.3
Variety Stores	11.7	11.7	11.3	0	+ 3.5
Food Stores	66.0	65.4	64.0	+ 0.9	+ 3.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	105.0	104.7	102.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	308.2	375.7	371.7	+ 1.2	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.7	24.0	22.5	+ 2.9	+ 9.8
Personal Services	24.0	24.0	22.6	0	+ 6.2
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.2	10.1	9.9	+ 1.0	+ 3.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	368.7	423.6	363.9	-13.0	+ 1.3
Federal	50.5	50.5	50.2	0	+ 0.6
State	112.3	120.8	110.5	- 7.0	+ 1.6
Education	51.7	60.1	49.1	-14.0	+ 5.3
Other	60.6	60.7	61.4	- 0.2	+ 1.3
Local	205.9	252.3	203.2	-18.4	+ 1.3
Education	91.0	137.5	87.2	-33.8	+ 4.4
Other	114.9	114.8	116.0	+ 0.1	- 0.9

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

July, 1984
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT July 1984 (Thous)	June 1984 (Thous)	July 1983 (Thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: June 1984	July 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,482.3	2,477.2	2,411.1	+ 0.2	+ 3.0
MANUFACTURING	814.7	812.5	795.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
DURABLE GOODS	321.1	320.1	301.8	+ 0.3	+ 6.4
Lumber & Wood Products	35.4	36.0	35.1	- 1.7	+ 0.9
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.3	13.3	13.0	0	+ 2.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.9	8.2	+ 3.4	+ 4.9
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.8	3.9	4.2	- 2.6	- 9.5
Furniture & Fixtures	83.5	83.5	80.9	0	+ 3.2
Household Furniture	73.9	73.4	72.5	+ 0.7	+ 1.9
Wood Household Furniture	36.8	37.6	36.7	- 2.1	+ 0.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.4	31.1	30.3	+ 1.0	+ 3.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.7	18.5	17.0	+ 1.1	+10.0
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.7	2.3	- 7.4	+ 8.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.0	5.0	4.5	0	+11.1
Primary Metal Industries	10.5	10.3	9.2	+ 1.9	+14.1
Fabricated Metal Products	24.6	24.4	24.3	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.3	8.1	8.9	+ 2.5	- 6.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	53.8	54.1	49.5	- 0.6	+ 8.7
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	8.1	7.4	- 1.2	+ 8.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.2	59.1	53.5	+ 1.9	+12.5
Household Appliances	5.7	5.6	5.5	+ 1.8	+ 3.6
Transportation Equipment	19.2	18.8	17.3	+ 2.1	+11.0
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.2	15.4	15.0	- 1.3	+ 1.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.6	492.4	493.7	+ 0.2	*
Food & Kindred Products	44.6	43.4	43.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Meat Products	17.7	17.1	16.7	+ 3.5	+ 6.0
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.9	2.8	- 3.4	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	7.9	8.0	7.9	- 1.2	0
Beverages	6.6	6.5	6.7	+ 1.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.1	22.9	23.6	+ 0.9	- 2.1
Cigarettes	18.3	18.4	18.7	- 0.5	- 2.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	3.6	4.2	+11.1	- 4.8
Textile Mill Products	219.9	220.6	225.2	- 0.3	- 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	60.2	59.4	63.9	+ 1.3	- 5.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.4	30.8	34.5	+ 1.9	- 9.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.4	28.4	28.9	0	- 1.7
Knitting Mills	78.6	78.5	79.7	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.4	23.0	22.6	+ 1.7	+ 3.5
Hosiery, NEC	22.2	22.5	22.5	- 1.3	- 1.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.4	14.4	15.0	0	- 4.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.7	7.1	6.8	- 5.6	- 1.5
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.7	14.6	14.6	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	54.1	55.0	54.4	- 1.6	- 0.6

*Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

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Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT July 1984 (Thous)	June 1984 (Thous)	July 1983 (Thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: June 1984	July 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.4	87.5	86.5	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.5	27.7	27.2	- 0.7	+ 1.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.1	41.2	40.8	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	22.8	22.6	22.1	+ 0.9	+ 3.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.9	10.9	10.6	0	+ 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.4	7.0	0	+ 5.7
Printing & Publishing	23.5	23.6	22.5	- 0.4	+ 4.4
Newspapers	9.0	9.0	8.6	0	+ 4.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.6	37.6	37.8	0	- 0.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.5	13.5	13.9	0	- 2.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.1	29.8	26.5	+ 1.0	+13.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.6	4.4	5.6	+ 4.5	-17.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1,667.6	1,664.7	1,615.6	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
MINING	4.5	4.4	4.3	+ 2.3	+ 4.7
CONSTRUCTION	121.0	120.5	111.7	+ 0.4	+ 8.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.9	121.6	120.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	61.4	61.2	60.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	54.9	55.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	529.3	527.1	506.5	+ 0.4	+ 4.5
Wholesale Trade	124.2	123.7	119.6	+ 0.4	+ 3.8
Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods	74.1	73.5	70.1	+ 0.8	+ 5.7
Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods	50.1	50.2	49.5	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Retail Trade	405.1	403.4	386.9	+ 0.4	+ 4.7
General Merchandise Stores	56.7	56.9	53.8	- 0.4	+ 5.4
Variety Stores	11.9	11.8	11.5	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
Food Stores	65.5	65.3	63.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.8	103.6	100.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	371.7	372.7	363.4	- 0.3	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.6	22.2	19.7	- 2.7	+ 9.6
Personal Services	24.6	24.4	23.1	+ 0.8	+ 6.5
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.2	10.1	9.9	+ 1.0	+ 3.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	415.4	414.8	408.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Federal	49.7	49.9	49.4	- 0.4	+ 0.6
State	124.5	123.5	122.0	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
Education	65.6	63.5	62.3	+ 3.3	+ 5.3
Other	58.9	60.0	59.7	- 1.8	- 1.3
Local	241.2	241.4	236.7	- 0.1	+ 1.9
Education	130.7	129.0	125.2	+ 1.3	+ 4.4
Other	110.5	112.4	111.5	- 1.7	- 0.9

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

JULY, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	June 1984	July 1983
MANUFACTURING	647.0	653.1	630.7	- 0.9	+ 2.6
DURABLE GOODS	243.5	245.6	227.3	- 0.9	+ 7.1
Lumber & Wood Products	30.6	31.1	30.3	- 1.6	+ 1.0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.7	7.8	7.1	- 1.3	+ 8.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.2	3.3	3.7	- 3.0	- 13.5
Furniture & Fixtures	72.6	74.0	70.1	- 1.9	+ 3.6
Household Furniture	64.8	66.1	63.5	- 2.0	+ 2.0
Wood Household Furniture	33.6	34.6	33.5	- 2.9	+ 0.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.8	15.5	13.9	+ 1.9	+ 13.7
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 15.8
Primary Metal Industries	7.9	7.8	6.7	+ 1.3	+ 17.9
Fabricated Metal Products	18.2	18.2	18.0	0	+ 1.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.2	28.0	25.1	- 2.9	+ 8.4
Special Industry Machinery	5.2	5.3	4.9	- 1.9	+ 6.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.0	43.8	37.9	+ 0.5	+ 16.1
Household Appliances	5.4	5.1	5.2	+ 5.9	+ 3.8
Transportation Equipment	15.8	15.5	13.9	+ 1.9	+ 13.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	403.5	407.5	403.4	- 1.0	*
Food & Kindred Products	31.2	30.3	31.0	+ 3.0	+ 0.6
Meat Products	15.4	15.1	14.6	+ 2.0	+ 5.5
Meat Packing	1.7	1.8	1.8	- 5.6	- 5.6
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Bakery Products	4.5	4.6	4.5	- 2.2	0
Beverages	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 7.1
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.1	16.9	17.3	+ 1.2	- 1.2
Cigarettes	15.0	15.1	15.3	- 0.7	- 2.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.5	1.2	1.3	+ 25.0	+ 15.4
Textile Mill Products	194.1	197.5	198.4	- 1.7	- 2.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	53.9	53.8	56.7	+ 0.2	- 4.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.1	27.8	30.6	+ 1.1	- 8.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	25.7	25.9	25.9	- 0.8	- 0.8
Knitting Mills	69.0	70.1	69.9	- 1.6	- 1.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.5	20.5	19.7	0	+ 4.1
Hosiery, NEC	20.6	20.9	20.9	- 1.4	- 1.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.2	12.3	12.8	- 0.8	- 4.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.0	6.4	6.0	- 6.2	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.0	12.3	11.9	- 2.4	+ 0.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.6	50.4	49.0	- 3.6	- 0.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	76.2	77.6	75.5	- 1.8	+ 0.9
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	24.6	25.3	24.5	- 2.8	+ 0.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.1	35.8	34.9	- 2.0	+ 0.6
Paper & Allied Products	17.3	17.2	16.8	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	8.1	8.0	7.8	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.7	5.4	+ 1.8	+ 7.4
Printing & Publishing	13.8	14.0	13.2	- 1.4	+ 4.5
Newspapers	3.5	3.4	3.3	+ 2.9	+ 6.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.0	25.4	24.9	- 1.6	+ 0.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.8	9.9	9.9	- 1.0	- 1.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.9	24.8	21.4	+ 0.4	+ 16.4
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.9	3.8	4.9	+ 2.6	- 20.4

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

July, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
MANUFACTURING	$276.90	$280.60	$268.27	39.5	40.2	40.1	$ 7.01	$ 6.98	$ 6.69
DURABLE GOODS	287.75	290.79	272.84	39.8	40.5	39.6	7.23	7.18	6.89
Lumber & Wood Products	239.19	237.51	233.86	40.2	40.6	41.1	5.95	5.85	5.69
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	225.40	234.74	225.52	39.2	41.4	40.2	5.75	5.67	5.61
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	265.78	253.75	245.83	38.8	38.8	40.7	6.85	6.54	6.04
Furniture & Fixtures	230.64	235.60	218.45	37.2	38.0	36.9	6.20	6.20	5.92
Household Furniture	227.17	233.36	218.15	36.7	37.7	37.1	6.19	6.19	5.88
Wood Household Furniture	227.67	232.25	217.17	38.2	39.1	38.1	5.96	5.94	5.70
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	329.02	324.61	318.42	42.4	42.6	42.4	7.76	7.62	7.51
Structural Clay Products	257.27	259.06	258.43	41.9	42.4	43.0	6.14	6.11	6.01
Primary Metal Industries	355.22	352.29	330.36	43.8	43.6	42.3	8.11	8.08	7.81
Fabricated Metal Products	312.70	313.47	307.16	40.4	40.5	40.9	7.74	7.74	7.51
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	334.56	343.54	321.98	40.9	42.1	40.5	8.18	8.16	7.95
Special Industry Machinery	297.75	306.69	281.46	39.7	41.5	39.2	7.50	7.39	7.18
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	334.14	341.55	321.98	40.6	41.5	40.5	8.23	8.23	7.95
Household Appliances	246.84	261.60	237.34	36.3	40.0	39.1	6.80	6.54	6.07
Transportation Equipment	328.68	330.58	305.66	41.5	42.6	40.7	7.92	7.76	7.51
NONDURABLE GOODS	269.99	274.40	265.17	39.3	40.0	40.3	6.87	6.86	6.58
Food & Kindred Products	255.96	254.56	253.79	40.5	39.9	41.0	6.32	6.38	6.19
Meat Products	207.97	203.32	203.14	38.3	36.9	38.4	5.43	5.51	5.29
Meat Packing	304.98	304.58	303.06	39.2	39.3	40.3	7.78	7.75	7.52
Dairy Products	276.14	274.22	268.13	44.9	44.3	44.1	6.15	6.19	6.08
Grain Mill Products	290.91	297.72	293.49	42.1	43.4	44.2	6.91	6.86	6.64
Bakery Products	274.79	272.16	267.15	39.2	39.5	40.6	7.01	6.89	6.58
Beverages	508.07	501.73	502.65	47.0	46.2	48.1	10.81	10.86	10.45
Tobacco Manufacturers	468.38	506.48	446.94	37.5	39.6	38.2	12.49	12.79	11.70
Cigarettes	502.93	539.75	471.24	37.9	40.1	38.5	13.27	13.46	12.24
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	180.96	196.62	185.32	32.2	33.9	34.9	5.62	5.80	5.31
Textile Mill Products	246.09	250.85	247.23	39.5	40.2	41.0	6.23	6.24	6.03
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	276.58	279.86	276.39	40.2	40.5	41.5	6.88	6.91	6.66
Weaving Mills, Cotton	275.20	274.31	274.96	40.0	39.3	41.1	6.88	6.98	6.69
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	277.95	284.81	277.80	40.4	41.7	41.9	6.88	6.83	6.63
Knitting Mills	223.11	226.76	225.84	38.6	39.3	40.4	5.78	5.77	5.59
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	203.31	206.93	208.28	37.1	37.9	39.9	5.48	5.46	5.22
Hosiery, NEC	223.86	222.09	219.45	39.0	39.1	39.9	5.74	5.68	5.50
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	236.36	249.38	247.25	38.0	39.9	40.4	6.22	6.25	6.12
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	269.38	277.33	287.00	41.7	42.6	45.7	6.46	6.51	6.28
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	267.97	277.53	247.83	41.1	42.5	39.4	6.52	6.53	6.29
Yarn & Thread Mills	235.61	242.00	236.39	39.4	40.2	41.4	5.98	6.02	5.71
Apparel & Other Textile Products	180.41	186.12	179.15	36.3	37.6	37.4	4.97	4.95	4.79
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	182.16	190.63	176.78	36.0	37.6	36.3	5.06	5.07	4.87
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	170.86	175.85	174.26	36.2	37.1	37.8	4.72	4.74	4.61
Paper & Allied Products	466.91	457.36	449.82	43.8	43.6	44.1	10.66	10.49	10.20
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	601.81	573.30	555.68	46.4	45.0	46.0	12.97	12.74	12.08
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	328.85	338.45	331.57	43.1	44.3	43.8	7.63	7.64	7.57
Printing & Publishing	297.59	297.60	287.65	38.3	38.4	38.2	7.77	7.75	7.53
Newspapers	272.34	276.46	268.07	34.0	34.3	34.5	8.01	8.06	7.77
Chemicals & Allied Products	365.42	367.02	362.97	40.2	41.1	41.2	9.09	8.93	8.81
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	436.17	428.43	418.28	43.1	42.8	43.3	10.12	10.01	9.66
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	372.37	370.23	351.90	43.4	43.1	42.5	8.58	8.59	8.28
MINING	341.10	344.76	295.87	43.9	44.2	40.2	7.77	7.80	7.36
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	464.94	451.28	425.15	42.0	41.1	41.6	11.07	10.98	10.22
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	196.65	196.39	197.20	33.5	33.4	34.0	5.87	5.88	5.80
Wholesale Trade	297.92	300.20	281.64	39.2	39.5	39.5	7.60	7.60	7.13
Retail Trade	169.07	168.86	169.58	31.9	31.8	32.3	5.30	5.31	5.25
General Merchandise Stores	147.38	148.80	148.82	30.2	30.0	31.2	4.88	4.96	4.77
Variety Stores	119.27	118.81	125.87	30.9	30.7	33.3	3.86	3.87	3.78
Food Stores	192.92	197.06	191.73	32.1	33.4	33.0	6.01	5.90	5.81
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	127.41	128.35	122.25	29.7	30.2	29.6	4.29	4.25	4.13
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	183.03	181.56	168.57	36.1	35.6	34.9	5.07	5.10	4.83

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

AUGUST, 1984

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
August, 1984

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS MEASURABLE GROWTH: In the middle of August, 1984, total employment in the State was estimated to be 2,889,900. That was a net monthly increase of 19,300 people (+0.7 percent). Two of the three principal employment categories displayed over-the-month gains. The "all other" nonagricultural employment sector experienced modest growth of 200 workers (+0.1 percent). Also, the nonagricultural wage and salary employment sector exhibited an impressive gain of 24,700 persons (+1.0 percent). On the other hand, agricultural employment began its seasonal decline with the loss of 5,600 workers (-5.0 percent) over the month.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES NOTICEABLE GAIN: North Carolina's manufacturing employment was estimated to be 814,400 in the middle of August, 1984. That figure represented a net monthly increase of 7,500 people (+0.9 percent). The durable goods sector added 3,200 workers (+1.0 percent) as several of its industry groups exhibited strong growth: electrical machinery (+1,400), nonelectrical machinery (+900), and furniture and fixtures (+900). The nondurable goods sector enjoyed an even larger net over-the-month gain of 4,300 workers (+0.9 percent) due primarily to impressive increases in two of its industry groups: tobacco manufacturing (+2,600) and apparel and related products (+1,300).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ALSO RISES IN AUGUST: In the middle of August, 1984, nonmanufacturing employment in the State was estimated to be 1,649,000. That was a measurable net over-the-month increase of 13,800 workers (+0.8 percent). Three of the seven industry groups displayed particularly good monthly growth: government (+6,700), trade (+4,600), and transportation, communications, and public utilities (+1,600).

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING WELL AHEAD OF LAST YEAR: Statewide manufacturing employment grew by 18,400 people (+2.3 percent) during the past twelve months. The top four net growth industries were these: electrical machinery (+9,400), nonelectrical machinery (+4,500), rubber and miscellaneous plastic products (+3,000), and furniture and fixtures (+2,600). Since August of 1983, nonmanufacturing employment in North Carolina has surged by 60,100 workers (+3.8 percent) with all of its industry groups contributing. The following four led the way: trade (+22,000), government (+10,300), service and miscellaneous (+9,000), and construction (+8,000).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT ENJOYS NOTICEABLE DECLINE: During the middle of August, 1984, total unemployment in the State was estimated to be 187,800. That figure represented a net monthly drop of 13,600 persons (-6.8 percent). As a result, North Carolina's unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from a revised 6.6 percent in July to 6.1 percent in August. Unemployment conditions were far worse twelve months ago (August, 1983) when there were 235,900 jobless people and the rate was 8.0 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.3 percent in August, 1984, 7.5 percent in July, 1984, and 9.2 percent one year ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.5 percent this August and July, and 9.5 percent in August of last year.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

AUGUST, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	August 2/ 1984	July 3/ 1984	August 1983	July, 1984		August, 1983	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	3,077,700	3,072,000	2,953,200	+ 5,700	+ 0.2	+ 124,500	+ 4.2
Employment, Total	2,889,900	2,870,600	2,717,300	+ 19,300	+ 0.7	+ 172,600	+ 6.4
Agricultural Employment	107,000	112,600	115,000	- 5,600	- 5.0	- 8,000	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,484,600	2,459,900	2,299,200	+ 24,700	+ 1.0	+ 185,400	+ 8.1
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	298,300	298,100	303,100	+ 200	+ 0.1	- 4,800	- 1.6
Unemployment, Total	187,800	201,400	235,900	- 13,600	- 6.8	- 48,100	- 20.4
State Unadjusted Rate	6.1	6.6	8.0	- 0.5	xxx	- 1.9	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.3	7.5	9.2	- 0.2	xxx	- 1.9	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.5	7.5	9.5	0	xxx	- 2.0	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions. Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Preliminary Estimates.

3/ Revised Estimates.

4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.

5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

BOTH HOURLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED RISE SLIGHTLY: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers rose by just 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to $7.02 from mid-July to mid-August of this year. Furthermore, that was a net yearly increase of 36¢ an hour (+5.4 percent). The durable goods sector experienced a respectable net monthly rise of 5¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) to hit $7.29 this August. Over the year, the durable goods segment enjoyed good growth of 43¢ an hour (+6.3 percent). Electrical machinery was the durable goods industry that exhibited the largest net monthly gain, jumping by 14¢ an hour (+1.7 percent) to reach $8.35. Next came furniture and fixtures, up by 8¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) to $6.30 in August of this year. The nondurable goods sector, however, suffered a small net over-the-month drop of 2¢ an hour (-0.3 percent) to fall to $6.86 in August, 1984. Since August of last year, the nondurable goods segment has gained 30¢ an hour (+4.6 percent). The industry which experienced the largest net over-the-month increase in nondurables was printing and publishing advancing by 11¢ an hour (+1.4 percent) to $7.85. That was followed by paper and allied products, up by 8¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) over the month to $10.70 in August, 1984. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by $1.79 (+0.6 percent) to $278.69 from the middle of July to the middle of August. Moreover, the current figure is $8.29 (+3.1 percent) above one year ago. In August, 1984, average weekly hours were 39.7, a slight increase of 0.2 of an hour over the month but down 0.9 of an hour over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX EXPERIENCES MONTHLY RISE: According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers increased to 313.0 in August, 1984. That was a monthly increase of 0.4 percent plus a yearly gain of 4.2 percent. Apparel and upkeep was the group that registered the largest over-the-month increase, surging by 1.8 percent. Food and beverages was a distant second, the cost of which rose by 0.5 percent. None of the principal categories experienced decreases over the month, however, the cost of transportation did remain constant. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $313.00 in August, 1984.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS GROWS OVER THE MONTH: There were 165,507 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of August 31, 1984. That figure represented a net monthly increase of 8,678 persons (+5.5 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine age group was by far the largest applicant segment with 99,946 or 60.4 percent of the total. That was followed by the twenty-one and under sector which had 29,827 or 18.0 percent. Once again the fifty-five and over segment had the fewest active applicants with 8,836 or 5.3 percent of the total. Just slightly more than half of the active applicants were males, numbering 82,922 or 50.1 percent of the total. Also, the largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, with a count of 94,362 or 57.1 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of August 31, 1984.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE
August 31, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	165,507	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	29,827	18.0
22-39	99,946	60.4
40-54	26,898	16.3
55 and Over	8,836	5.3
Sex		
Male	82,922	50.1
Female	82,585	49.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	94,362	57.1
Black, not Hispanic	66,347	40.1
Hispanic	1,846	1.1
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,731	1.0
Other Races and Undertermined	1,221	0.7
Eligible Claimant	56,362	34.1
Veteran	29,034	17.5
Handicapped	8,853	5.3
Seasonal Farmworker	5,128	3.1

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS DROPS IN AUGUST: There were 32,084 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State durirg August, 1984. That figure represented a net over-the-month decline of 6,185 (-16.2 percent). A very good percentage of those job openings was filled (80.8 percent or 25,933). Farming, fishing, and forestry was again the occupational group with the most job openings received with 9,806. Almost all of those were filled (9,745 or 99.4 percent). Next came the service category with 4,594 job openings received and 3,279 or 71.4 percent filled. The miscellaneous group followed with 3,917 job openings received and 2,872 or 73.3 percent filled. The fewest job openings received in August occurred in sales with just 769 and only 346 or 45.0 percent were filled. From July 1, 1984, through August 31, 1984, there were 70,353 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. Most of those have been filled (56,437 or 80.2 percent). As of August 31, 1984, there were 18,168 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. The majority of those job openings (10,527 or 57.9 percent) remained open for thirty days or more and had been classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings in August, 1984.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

Occupation	August, 1984		Fiscal Year To Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As Of Aug. 31, 1984	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof. Tech., and Mgr.	1,098	480	2,300	1,128	1,623	985
Clerical	2,773	1,716	5,996	3,874	2,418	1,286
Sales	769	346	1,450	671	1,061	639
Service	4,594	3,279	9,461	6,894	3,404	1,866
Domestic	226	289	641	549	145	110
Other Services	4,368	2,990	8,820	6,345	3,259	1,756
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	9,806	9,745	26,364	25,021	325	190
Processing	1,038	919	2,084	1,902	813	576
Machine Trades	1,911	1,473	3,690	2,592	1,667	1,065
Bench Work	2,412	2,210	4,723	3,960	1,776	1,163
Structural Work	3,766	2,893	7,633	5,321	3,033	1,803
Miscellaneous	3,917	2,872	6,652	5,074	2,048	954
Motor Freight and Trans.	633	346	1,205	702	577	288
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	3,194	2,482	5,291	4,275	1,385	631
Other	90	44	156	97	86	35
Total	32,084	25,933	70,353	56,437	18,168	10,527

1/ July 1, 1984, through August 31, 1984.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

AUGUST, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1984 (Thous)	July 1984 (Thous)	August 1983 (Thous)	July 1984	August 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,463.4	2,442.1	2,384.9	+ 0.9	+ 3.3
MANUFACTURING	814.4	806.9	796.0	+ 0.9	+ 2.3
DURABLE GOODS	321.2	318.0	299.7	+ 1.0	+ 7.2
Lumber & Wood Products	35.5	35.9	35.9	- 1.1	- 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.2	13.4	13.2	- 1.5	0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.8	8.7	8.3	+ 1.1	+ 6.0
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.8	3.9	4.3	- 2.6	-11.6
Furniture & Fixtures	82.0	81.1	79.4	+ 1.1	+ 3.3
Household Furniture	72.7	71.6	71.2	+ 1.5	+ 2.1
Wood Household Furniture	37.1	35.9	36.7	+ 3.3	+ 1.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.9	31.0	30.2	- 0.3	+ 2.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.0	19.1	17.7	- 0.5	+ 7.3
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 3.7	+ 7.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.1	5.1	4.7	0	+ 8.5
Primary Metal Industries	10.6	10.6	9.5	0	+11.6
Fabricated Metal Products	24.8	24.4	24.2	+ 1.6	+ 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.4	8.2	8.7	+ 2.4	- 3.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.7	53.8	50.2	+ 1.7	+ 9.0
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	7.9	7.5	+ 1.3	+ 6.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.2	58.8	50.8	+ 2.4	+18.5
Household Appliances	6.0	5.8	5.8	+ 3.4	+ 3.4
Transportation Equipment	19.3	19.2	17.1	+ 0.5	+12.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.1	15.1	14.9	0	+ 1.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.2	488.9	496.3	+ 0.9	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	44.8	45.3	43.6	- 1.1	+ 2.8
Meat Products	17.8	17.5	16.7	+ 1.7	+ 6.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.7	6.8	6.8	- 1.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.3	21.7	25.1	+12.0	- 3.2
Cigarettes	18.6	18.7	18.7	- 0.5	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.0	2.3	5.8	+117.4	-13.8
Textile Mill Products	218.3	217.5	226.2	+ 0.4	- 3.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	59.4	59.3	63.5	+ 0.2	- 6.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	30.4	31.1	34.1	- 2.3	-10.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.8	28.1	29.2	+ 2.5	- 1.4
Knitting Mills	77.8	78.2	79.2	- 6.5	- 1.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.3	23.2	22.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Hosiery, NEC	22.4	22.5	23.1	- 0.4	- 3.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.1	14.3	15.0	- 1.4	- 6.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	6.9	7.0	+ 2.9	+ 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.4	14.5	14.6	- 0.7	- 1.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	53.8	52.8	55.0	+ 1.9	- 2.2

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

AUGUST , 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT August 1984 (Thous)	July 1984 (Thous)	August 1983 (Thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: July 1984	August 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.5	86.2	86.7	+ 1.5	+ 0.9
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.9	27.2	27.2	+ 2.6	+ 2.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.1	40.7	41.1	+ 1.0	0
Paper & Allied Products	22.6	22.7	22.0	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.9	10.7	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.4	7.0	0	+ 5.7
Printing & Publishing	23.4	23.1	22.2	+ 1.3	+ 5.4
Newspapers	9.2	9.1	8.7	+ 1.1	+ 5.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.9	37.7	38.1	+ 0.5	- 0.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.7	14.1	0	- 2.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.9	30.1	26.9	- 0.7	+11.2
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.6	5.5	- 2.2	-18.2
NONMANUFACTURING	1,649.0	1,635.2	1,588.9	+ 0.8	+ 3.8
MINING	4.6	4.5	4.5	+ 2.2	+ 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	126.3	125.9	118.3	+ 0.3	+ 6.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	123.1	121.5	115.4	+ 1.3	+ 6.7
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	62.4	60.9	60.8	+ 2.5	+ 2.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.6	55.5	49.3	+ 0.2	+12.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	534.7	530.1	512.7	+ 0.9	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	126.3	123.9	131.6	+ 1.9	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.4	74.2	70.8	+ 0.3	+ 5.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51.9	49.7	50.8	+ 4.4	+ 2.2
Retail Trade	408.4	406.2	391.1	+ 0.5	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	56.1	55.5	53.4	+ 1.1	+ 5.1
Variety Stores	11.9	11.7	11.4	+ 1.7	+ 4.4
Food Stores	65.1	66.1	63.9	- 1.5	+ 1.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	105.1	105.0	102.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	380.1	379.8	371.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.0	24.7	22.6	+ 1.2	+10.6
Personal Services	24.3	23.9	22.7	+ 1.7	+ 7.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.2	10.2	10.0	0	+ 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	375.1	368.4	364.8	+ 1.8	+ 2.8
Federal	50.5	50.5	50.2	0	+ 0.6
State	117.0	111.9	111.2	+ 4.6	+ 5.2
Education	56.6	51.4	50.3	+10.1	+12.5
Other	60.4	60.5	60.9	- 0.2	- 0.8
Local	207.6	206.0	203.4	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Education	93.1	91.1	89.2	+ 2.2	+ 4.4
Other	114.5	114.9	114.2	- 0.3	+ 0.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1984
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1984 (thous.)	July 1984 (thous.)	August 1983 (thous.)	July 1984	August 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2488.1	2478.5	2405.7	+ 0.4	+ 3.4
MANUFACTURING	811.2	812.1	791.5	- 0.1	+ 2.5
DURABLE GOODS	321.4	319.5	299.7	+ 0.6	+ 7.2
Lumber & Wood Products	35.0	35.4	35.4	- 1.1	- 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.1	13.3	13.1	- 1.5	0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.6	8.3	+ 1.2	+ 4.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.7	3.8	4.1	- 2.6	- 9.8
Furniture & Fixtures	83.2	83.1	80.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Household Furniture	73.5	73.5	72.0	0	+ 2.1
Wood Household Furniture	37.0	36.3	36.6	+ 1.9	+ 1.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.1	31.4	30.4	- 1.0	+ 2.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.8	18.8	17.3	0	+ 8.7
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.5	2.5	+ 8.0	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.0	5.0	4.6	0	+ 8.7
Primary Metal Industries	10.5	10.6	9.4	- 0.9	+ 11.7
Fabricated Metal Products	24.7	24.5	24.1	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.3	8.2	8.6	+ 1.2	- 3.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.7	53.7	50.2	+ 1.9	+ 9.0
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	8.0	7.5	0	+ 6.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.1	59.0	50.7	+ 1.9	+ 18.5
Household Appliances	5.6	5.5	5.4	+ 1.8	+ 3.7
Transportation Equipment	19.3	19.2	17.1	+ 0.5	+ 12.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.1	15.2	14.9	- 0.7	+ 1.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	489.8	492.6	491.8	- 0.6	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	44.3	44.6	43.1	- 0.7	+ 2.8
Meat Products	17.7	17.6	16.6	+ 0.6	+ 6.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	7.9	7.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.5	6.6	6.6	- 1.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.6	23.1	23.4	- 2.2	- 3.4
Cigarettes	18.5	18.3	18.6	+ 1.1	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.7	4.0	4.3	- 7.5	- 14.0
Textile Mill Products	217.6	219.3	225.5	- 0.8	- 3.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	59.4	59.8	63.5	- 0.7	- 6.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	30.6	31.4	34.3	- 2.5	- 10.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.8	28.1	29.2	+ 2.5	- 1.4
Knitting Mills	77.3	78.5	79.3	- 1.5	- 2.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.2	23.3	22.7	- 0.4	+ 2.2
Hosiery, NEC	22.1	22.2	22.8	- 0.5	- 3.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.2	14.3	15.1	- 0.7	- 6.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	6.8	7.0	+ 4.4	+ 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.3	14.8	14.5	- 3.4	- 1.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	53.5	53.9	54.7	- 0.7	- 2.2

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1984

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT August 1984 (thous.)	July 1984 (thous.)	August 1983 (thous.)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: July 1984	August 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.0	87.0	86.1	0	+ 1.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.6	27.4	26.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear &	-	-	-	-	-
Undergarments	40.8	41.0	40.8	- 0.5	0
Paper & Allied Products	22.7	22.8	22.1	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.9	10.9	10.8	0	+ 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.5	7.4	7.1	+ 1.4	+ 5.6
Printing & Publishing	23.8	23.5	22.6	+ 1.3	+ 5.3
Newspapers	9.3	9.0	8.8	+ 3.3	+ 5.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.9	37.7	37.1	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.6	14.1	+ 0.7	- 2.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.4	30.0	26.5	- 2.0	+ 10.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.6	5.4	- 2.2	- 16.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,676.9	1,666.4	1,614.2	+ 0.6	- 3.9
MINING	4.6	4.5	4.5	+ 2.2	+ 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	121.1	120.9	113.4	+ 0.2	+ 6.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	122.7	121.7	115.0	+ 0.8	+ 6.7
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	62.5	61.4	60.9	+ 1.8	+ 2.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.2	55.1	48.9	+ 0.2	+ 12.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	529.2	529.0	507.4	+ 0.04	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	123.6	124.0	119.0	- 0.3	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.1	74.1	70.5	0	+ 5.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	49.5	49.9	48.5	- 0.8	+ 2.1
Retail Trade	405.6	405.0	388.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	56.7	56.7	54.0	0	+ 5.0
Variety Stores	11.9	11.9	11.4	0	+ 4.4
Food Stores	64.8	65.6	63.6	- 1.2	+ 1.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	104.1	103.8	101.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	372.3	371.3	363.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.5	21.6	19.4	- 0.5	+ 10.8
Personal Services	24.8	24.5	23.2	+ 1.2	+ 6.9
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.1	10.2	9.9	- 1.0	+ 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	422.9	415.2	409.4	+ 1.9	+ 3.3
Federal	50.0	49.7	49.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
State	126.7	124.1	119.6	+ 2.1	+ 5.9
Education	67.5	65.2	60.0	+ 3.5	+ 12.5
Other	59.2	58.9	59.6	+ 0.5	- 0.7
Local	246.2	241.4	240.1	+ 2.0	+ 2.5
Education	134.5	130.9	128.7	+ 2.8	+ 4.5
Other	111.7	110.5	111.4	+ 1.1	+ 0.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983	July 1984	August 1983
MANUFACTURING	652.1	644.7	637.2	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
DURABLE GOODS	245.1	242.0	226.6	+ 1.3	+ 8.2
Lumber & Wood Products	30.4	30.6	30.6	- 0.7	- 0.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.8	7.7	7.3	+ 1.3	+ 6.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.1	3.2	3.6	- 3.1	- 13.9
Furniture & Fixtures	73.1	72.2	70.6	+ 1.2	+ 3.5
Household Furniture	65.6	64.4	64.0	+ 1.9	+ 2.5
Wood Household Furniture	34.3	33.1	33.8	+ 3.6	+ 1.5
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.8	15.9	14.4	- 0.6	+ 9.7
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 10.0
Primary Metal Industries	7.9	7.9	7.0	0	- 12.9
Fabricated Metal Products	18.5	18.2	18.0	+ 1.6	+ 2.8
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	28.0	27.2	25.8	+ 2.9	+ 8.5
Special Industry Machinery	5.3	5.2	5.0	+ 1.9	+ 6.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.2	42.8	35.3	+ 3.3	+ 25.2
Household Appliances	5.4	5.1	5.2	+ 5.9	+ 3.8
Transportation Equipment	15.8	15.8	13.6	0	+ 16.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	407.0	402.7	410.6	+ 1.1	- 0.9
Food & Kindred Products	30.7	31.3	30.1	- 1.9	+ 2.0
Meat Products	15.6	15.4	14.6	+ 1.3	+ 6.8
Meat Packing	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 3.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.8	17.1	20.6	+ 15.8	- 3.9
Cigarettes	14.9	15.0	15.1	- 0.7	- 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.3	1.5	5.0	+ 186.7	- 14.0
Textile Mill Products	194.3	193.3	201.9	+ 0.5	- 3.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	53.6	53.5	57.4	+ 0.2	- 6.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.4	28.1	30.8	- 2.5	- 11.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.1	25.3	26.5	+ 3.2	- 1.5
Knitting Mills	68.5	68.8	70.5	- 0.4	- 2.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.5	20.5	20.1	0	+ 2.0
Hosiery, NEC	20.5	20.6	21.2	- 0.5	- 3.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.9	12.2	12.8	- 2.5	- 7.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.0	6.1	+ 3.3	+ 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.9	12.0	12.2	- 0.8	- 2.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.4	48.5	50.7	+ 1.9	- 2.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.2	75.9	76.5	+ 1.7	+ 0.9
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.3	24.7	24.7	+ 2.4	+ 2.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.5	35.1	35.4	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	17.2	17.3	16.7	- 0.6	+ 3.0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.9	8.1	7.8	- 2.5	+ 1.3
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.8	5.4	0	+ 7.4
Printing & Publishing	14.0	13.9	13.3	+ 0.7	+ 5.3
Newspapers	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	+ 6.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.4	25.2	25.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.9	9.9	9.9	0	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.6	24.8	21.7	- 0.8	+ 13.4
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.9	4.8	- 2.6	- 20.8

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

AUGUST, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983
MANUFACTURING	$278.69	$276.90	$270.40	39.7	39.5	40.6	$ 7.02	$ 7.01	$ 6.66
DURABLE GOODS	293.06	288.88	278.52	40.2	39.9	40.6	7.29	7.24	6.86
Lumber & Wood Products	239.99	240.98	233.13	40.2	40.5	40.9	5.97	5.95	5.70
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	227.66	230.11	231.84	39.8	40.3	41.4	5.72	5.71	5.60
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	280.95	267.33	255.00	40.6	38.8	40.8	6.92	6.89	6.25
Furniture & Fixtures	236.88	231.38	233.22	37.6	37.2	39.0	6.30	6.22	5.98
Household Furniture	235.62	228.53	233.43	37.4	36.8	39.1	6.30	6.21	5.97
Wood Household Furniture	232.76	227.50	229.82	38.6	38.3	39.9	6.03	5.94	5.76
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	327.83	326.13	314.39	42.3	42.3	42.2	7.75	7.71	7.45
Structural Clay Products	257.23	258.30	254.40	42.1	42.0	42.4	6.11	6.15	6.00
Primary Metal Industries	362.60	358.22	338.52	44.6	43.9	43.4	8.13	8.16	7.80
Fabricated Metal Products	321.31	312.29	321.14	41.3	40.4	42.2	7.78	7.73	7.61
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	344.84	338.25	329.85	41.9	41.1	41.7	8.23	8.23	7.91
Special Industry Machinery	299.83	295.02	296.87	40.3	39.6	40.5	7.44	7.45	7.38
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	341.52	332.57	312.58	40.9	40.5	40.7	8.35	8.21	7.68
Household Appliances	260.17	254.18	252.96	39.3	37.6	40.8	6.62	6.76	6.20
Transportation Equipment	331.52	333.06	309.48	41.7	42.0	41.1	7.95	7.93	7.53
NONDURABLE GOODS	270.97	270.38	266.34	39.5	39.3	40.6	6.86	6.88	6.56
Food & Kindred Products	251.77	255.96	253.75	39.4	40.5	40.6	6.39	6.32	6.25
Meat Products	196.51	207.43	204.19	36.8	38.2	38.6	5.34	5.43	5.29
Meat Packing	290.82	304.98	323.33	37.0	39.2	42.6	7.86	7.78	7.59
Dairy Products	272.44	276.14	262.91	43.8	44.9	43.1	6.22	6.15	6.10
Grain Mill Products	310.42	288.27	298.81	44.6	44.9	44.4	6.96	6.88	6.73
Bakery Products	282.50	276.11	282.07	40.3	39.5	42.1	7.01	6.99	6.70
Beverages	496.58	508.07	497.01	45.6	47.0	48.3	10.89	10.81	10.29
Tobacco Manufacturers	426.47	479.06	404.74	38.7	37.9	38.4	11.02	12.64	10.54
Cigarettes	500.46	575.71	473.17	38.0	38.4	38.5	13.17	13.43	12.29
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	187.32	180.88	173.96	40.9	32.3	37.9	4.58	5.60	4.59
Textile Mill Products	246.48	246.09	250.66	39.5	39.5	41.5	6.24	6.23	6.04
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	275.49	275.89	278.46	40.1	40.1	42.0	6.87	6.88	6.63
Weaving Mills, Cotton	268.02	274.51	275.47	38.9	39.9	41.3	6.89	6.88	6.67
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	283.59	277.95	281.39	41.4	40.4	42.7	6.85	6.88	6.59
Knitting Mills	221.56	221.57	226.64	38.2	38.4	40.4	5.80	5.77	5.61
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	198.69	198.38	209.35	35.8	36.2	39.5	5.55	5.48	5.30
Hosiery, NEC	221.52	222.69	213.40	39.0	39.0	39.3	5.68	5.71	5.43
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	247.04	239.47	256.65	39.4	38.5	41.8	6.27	6.22	6.14
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	270.48	270.03	280.35	42.0	41.8	45.0	6.44	6.46	6.23
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	282.94	269.04	269.66	43.0	41.2	42.4	6.58	6.53	6.36
Yarn & Thread Mills	237.00	236.40	243.34	39.5	39.4	42.1	6.00	6.00	5.78
Apparel & Other Textile Products	186.50	179.69	184.02	37.3	36.3	38.1	5.00	4.95	4.83
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	189.15	181.36	184.50	36.8	35.7	37.5	5.14	5.08	4.92
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	175.48	170.61	172.88	37.1	36.3	37.5	4.73	4.70	4.61
Paper & Allied Products	470.80	466.22	439.75	44.0	43.9	43.8	10.70	10.62	10.04
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	583.46	598.10	532.51	45.3	46.4	44.9	12.88	12.89	11.86
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	330.15	330.05	331.52	43.1	43.2	44.8	7.66	7.64	7.40
Printing & Publishing	306.15	294.89	287.66	39.0	38.1	37.9	7.85	7.74	7.59
Newspapers	276.85	269.39	256.88	35.0	33.8	33.8	7.91	7.97	7.60
Chemicals & Allied Products	376.66	362.69	359.63	41.3	39.9	41.1	9.12	9.09	8.75
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	426.15	423.11	405.34	42.7	42.1	42.4	9.98	10.05	9.56
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	360.73	365.51	351.51	41.8	42.6	42.3	8.63	8.58	8.31
MINING	334.97	341.10	284.62	43.0	43.9	40.2	7.79	7.77	7.08
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	458.16	459.64	404.17	41.5	41.9	41.2	11.04	10.97	9.81
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	196.65	196.06	194.25	33.5	33.4	33.9	5.87	5.87	5.73
Wholesale Trade	291.33	297.55	276.11	39.0	39.1	39.5	7.47	7.61	6.99
Retail Trade	170.03	168.43	168.20	31.9	31.9	32.1	5.33	5.28	5.24
General Merchandise Stores	151.80	147.98	148.32	30.0	30.2	30.9	5.06	4.90	4.80
Variety Stores	122.11	124.23	123.58	31.8	32.1	33.4	3.84	3.87	3.70
Food Stores	194.21	190.03	191.22	33.6	32.1	32.8	5.78	5.92	5.83
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	132.11	129.30	124.94	30.3	30.0	30.4	4.36	4.31	4.11
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	181.96	181.56	168.22	35.4	35.6	34.9	5.14	5.10	4.82

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